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Merging of Denominations

The Literary Digest of May 1st gives more than a full page to this subject and bases its statements upon a meeting in Philadelphia, February 3-6, 1920. It speaks of representatives of seventeen denominations meeting there and adopting a plan delegating to the "United Churches of Christ in America" consolidation of the Missionary Societies and the direction of movements for the merging of local churches in over churching areas, etc. The article seems to be sure that all the denominations are going along that line and yet that meeting in Philadelphia was purely a meeting of individuals. It was not a representative body. They spoke of the Baptists taking part with as much assurance as if the Northern Baptist Convention had sent a delegation there. Cornelius Woelfkin was there, but he went simply representing himself, and he is known to have been in favor of open membership for several years past.

The Inter Church Movement had nothing whatever to do with that Philadelphia meeting. No denomination so far as we know authorized it or sanctioned its doings and yet a great magazine like the Literary Digest gives it to its readers as though it were a generally representative body. Some people

who are working with the Inter Church Movement take liberty without authority to speak and write as though all the denominations were going to consolidate. The Inter Church Movement is not responsible for this. But the Baptists of the North need to be carefully on their guard. If the question of federation or union, without regard to the teaching of God's word, is forced upon the Baptists they will not stand for it. Nine tenths if not forty-nine fiftieths, would strongly resist any such movement.

We are willing to co-operate with others in work upon which we have to make no sacrifice of principle; but the Baptists have a message they will never surrender. So long as other denominations hold to and practice ecclesiastical church government, so long as they fill their churches with persons who do not profess regeneration, so long as babies are christened for baptism, and so long as people have a little water sprinkled upon their heads as a substitute for baptism, Baptists will stand aloof and preach the truth as they understand it. If the time ever comes when our denomination so far departs from fundamental truth as to tie up with these errors then nine tenths of the churches will draw out and organize a Baptist demonination

to stand by the truth as taught in the New Testament. We have no fear that we will have to do this, but it is well to speak out in time, and let a few persons know where the rank and file of the denomination stands.

INTER-CHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT

The Baptists of the South stand out against the Inter-Church Movement as the only denomination in those states against it. The Inter-Church is a southern movement. It did not start in the north. A few Baptists in the north are against it, but they are nearly all of the extreme Pre-millennial type. I do not know just why their extreme views on that doctrine should oppose the Inter-Church Movement. Now the Baptist Convention in Denver considered this matter very carefully. Strong resolutions were passed, carefully guarding the denomination from anything that would be injurious. Then Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Texas, who was supposed to bring fraternal greetings from the southern brethren, gave an address against the Inter-church Movement. After that the Convention voted and 1,800 or 2,000 voted yes and two persons voted no. Why should the Baptists be afraid of the Inter-Church Movement? It is not entirely new. The Women's Christian Temperance Union was an Inter-Church affair in the interest of Temperance. The Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. are an Inter-Church Movement in the interest of young men and young women. The Red Cross is practically an Inter-Church Movement in the interests of suffering humanity. If a union of church effort on the part of things upon which we are agreed can do larger things and bring quicker results than the denominations alone, why not do it? The great war

taught us the lesson that the only way in which Protestant churches could do anything was by united effort; and they united in war work and the Baptists did not suffer by it. If the Inter-Church people can gather up \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000 from individuals and corporations that no single church can reach and turn that money over to the denominations for Missionary and Educational work, to be carried on without any dictation from the Inter-Church, why not do it? It seems to this writer that now and then a preacher whose head is with the south will seize upon this Inter-Church World Movement to prejudice his people against the Northern Convention. Let us look at things as they are and act reasonably.

"CHEERING NEWS

"The many statistical sparrows chirping so merrily on municipal boughs seem to make the summer of prohibition a bit nearer, even if 'one sparrow does not make a summer.' Bird S. Coler, commissioner of charities of New York City, said recently in a public address at Hotel McAlpine: 'Two years ago I should have been against prohibition, but recent results have been remarkable. The number of alcoholics at Bellevue Hospital has dwindled to seven or eight a week, and the alcoholic wards are being abolished. The demands for ambulance calls in the Harlem colored district * * * have fallen off one-third. There are far fewer children committed to institutions, while the decrease in social-disease cases is phenomenal.'

Commissioner Roper of the Internal Revenue Department has said that the cost of enforcing prohibition amendment is largely offset by the fines collected. 'Jails are becoming tenantless * * * In one of the large cities of the country the so-called "sunrise court" has been practically discontinued because of lack of cases. * * * The commissioner of safety in another large city recently requested a reduction in the police force because of the decreased number of arrests since prohibition became effective.' Such are a few of the statements in Commissioner Roper's report."

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VERY much interesting news comes
from churches in connection with
the great financial campaign. This is
true with regard to small churches as
well as strong ones.

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THE Decatur papers report great
success of the First Baptist Church
in Decatur. \$80,000 has been raised and
\$85,000 will be reached. This will not
all go on the \$100,000,000 drive, but a
portion on a new church building, as the
double campaign was made at the same
time.

* * *

THE latest report from headquarters
came May 6th, which gave the total
amount of money as the result of the
great drive at noon May 3rd, \$46,218,-
131 and that Illinois had reported at that
time \$1,762,252.

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THE exceedingly rainy weather and
muddy roads during campaign week
hindered the work in Illinois. Perhaps
not much more than one fourth of our
churches had reported to headquarters
May 3rd.

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THE pastors and campaign managers
in the counties should keep after
this work until every church has been

lined up and every member solicited and
many who subscribed too small be in-
duced to increase their subscriptions.

* * *

NOW is the time for a strong effort
along spiritual lines in all our
churches. The churches and individuals
have waked up along financial lines and
are beginning to realize the claims of
God upon them; and are in a condition
to co-operate in spiritual things as never
before.

* * *

ONE great need of the denomination
is a large number of recruits
for ministerial and missionary service.
The recruits must be secured from the
Sunday School and from the High
School. Young people in the teen age.
Boys and girls should be led to feel the
need of being willing for God to call
them for any kind of service.

* * *

LET every reader of the Bulletin
make an effort to increase its circu-
lation. This paper is now needed as
never before. It is the only means of
keeping local state interests before the
people. It is impossible for a great
paper for thirty-five states to give much
local news in any one State. The Bulle-
tin is published by the State Convention
and sent to the people at about one-half
its cost. Price twenty-five cents per
year. In clubs of twenty or more,
twenty cents.

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THE Bulletin is now beginning its
twelfth year. During these past
eleven years it has been greatly blessed
of God. It is a great power in the de-
nomination. It was forced into exis-
tence because of certain conditions in
some parts of the State. Now it is felt
as a necessity. The State could publish

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10,000 with but little more expense than 6,000. We ought to have 10,000 subscribers. Let every body help to get them. Dear reader, could you not secure one subscriber during the next month?

HARMONY

Now is the time for united and harmonious work among Northern Baptists. People who think will differ in opinion; but the principle of true democracy is to freely express opinion and when the majority has decided upon a plan, to work together in every particular, to keep after them and try to correct the errors but not to pull out and try to cripple the work. Great and new things have recently been undertaken by the Baptists to meet the new conditions of the world. It was impossible for the efforts to be so arranged as to meet with everybody's approval; but perhaps there was never more unanimity and harmony on the part of a great body attempting great things than among the Northern Baptists at this time. Even the few Baptist churches that have pulled out from the \$100,000,000 campaign have been inspired most of them, by this great movement to do larger things than ever before. When the Southern Baptists were making their drive for \$75,000,000 last fall, they had the good will and prayers and sympathy of the Baptists of the North, and the Northern Baptists now have the sympathy of the big men of the South as shown by a letter from Dr. Truett of Texas, recently published in the Watchman Examiner. But a good many Southern men along the border have said and done everything possible to prejudice the minds of the people against the \$100,000,000 campaign of the Baptists of the North. Of course

this has not amounted to much in the great campaign, but it has greatly injured the churches where such influence could be exercised.

Some people seem to think they are doing God service by creating all the dissension and division possible in the denomination and among the churches. But as time moves on and other generations comes into existence, such religious insurgents are regarded as the opponents and not the advocates of real religious progress. Daniel Parker, who came from Tennessee to Illinois, and opposed the constructive work of Dr. John M. Peck, who came from Connecticut, was regarded by many as a great man in his day, but now it is clearly seen that his whole life work was a detriment to the cause of Christianity and the Baptist cause, while his opponent, John Peck, is regarded as one of the greatest and best men of the early settlers of Illinois. Let us now work harmoniously and shoulder to shoulder for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

THE GREAT CAMPAIGN

The great drive April 25-May 2, is now past. Yet much work remains to be done. Not half of the churches have yet been heard from and perhaps many millions have not yet been reported. On Monday noon about \$41,000,000 had been reported from New York and more than \$1,600,000 reported from 123 churches in Illinois. We do not know what the other 400 churches in Illinois will report. It was very encouraging to note how many pastorless churches and other fields, where not much had been said on the subject, came up on their apportionments the last week. Very many of the larger churches went far beyond what they thought they could

do. All our general Missionaries and Evangelists were given to this work for one month. Evangelist McMinn did fine work among the former Free Baptists of Southern Illinois and he has been authorized to continue in the same work in that section through the month of May. All the other men have returned to their regular work.

We cannot report in the May number much of the definite results of the campaign, but can doubtless give it in full in the June issue. So far as we can now learn, every church large or small, rich or poor that took a hearty part in the campaign has received a great spiritual blessing and is greatly rejoicing in what it was able to do. If the full \$100,000,000 shall be raised, there will be returned to Illinois for the State Convention, Executive Council in Chicago, Shurtleff College, Divinity School of the University of Chicago, the Theological Seminary in Chicago and Frances Shimer School at Mt. Carroll about \$2,500,000. If only three-fourths of the full amount shall be raised, three-fourths of that amount will be returned to Illinois.

PASTORAL CHANGES

The Morrisonville church in the Springfield Association has extended a call to Rev. C. W. Swift who has spent a few months at Pawnee. The Pawnee church is not able to sustain full time preaching. Brother Swift has been pastor twice at Pawnee besides the few months work at this time. He was, several years ago, pastor at South Danville and Grape Creek. He and his wife are very much appreciated on the Pawnee field. We hope it will mean a good pastorate at Morrisonville.

Rev. M. E. Powley, who, some time ago, removed from the Vandalia church

and located with the Bethel church in the Rock Island Association writes as follows: "No doubt you have learned that I am located on the field at this place. The Bethel folks are a splendid people to work with. The work is moving in a splendid way. We received the amount apportioned us for the Great Movement. It is \$7,563. The church thinks it a little high. I will do my best."

Rev. R. J. Anderson of Linn Grove, Iowa, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Litchfield church. The Litchfield church hopes to make \$4,000 on the \$100,000,000 drive.

A member of the Delavan church writes as follows: "Our church at Delavan has called Rev. Lewis P. Jensen of Hamilton, New York, to become our pastor. He has accepted and will be with us either the third or fourth Sunday in June. He is a full college and Seminary graduate, is ordained and comes recommended very highly by professors of the Colgate Theological Seminary."

The Editor of the Bulletin spent Sunday morning May 2nd, with the Tuscola church. This church has been pastorless since last fall, but it has kept up its work in a remarkable way. There was a splendid Sunday School, sixty-five present. The ladies have just banked \$2,000 towards a new church building. They started on the Great Financial drive last Sunday afternoon and three persons subscribed \$800.00. The church will doubtless make a good financial showing.

We spent Sunday night in Danville. Pastor Enslow is having great encouragement in his work. There was a fine congregation present and four united

with the church that evening. That church, notwithstanding its heavy indebtedness on its church building, made a canvass for the \$100,000,000 drive, but made their subscriptions for only one year. It amounts to about \$2,000. They expect to continue this work through all four years, but will make a canvass each year.

CHURCHES

Rev. John H. Martin, pastor of the Belleville church writes a very encouraging letter concerning that field. He says: "The pastor held revival services with the church, closing after Easter. There were seven approved for baptism and two by relation and two by letter making eleven added from the meeting. The Sunday before Easter was decision day in the Sunday School. About thirty of the Junior boys and girls expressed a desire to live for Christ. It was a great day. We have been on the field nine months and there have been twenty-five additions to the church counting the four yet to be baptized. Belleville will do something for the \$100,000,000 Drive."

The following note comes from a layman of the Collinsville church. "On Easter Sunday seven young people were baptized in the evening, and then followed a sermon by the minister on "The Significance of the Ordinances of the Church." At its conclusion the Lord's Supper was observed, at which time more people were present at communion than at any former time in the history of the church. On Sunday morning, April 18th, Pastor Corwin and Rev. V. Colbert visited Bethel church nearby, at which time the Sunday School was reorganized and plans were set on foot for the year's work of the church."

Rev. T. Elmer Jones, pastor of the Barry church writes as follows: "We have just closed a three weeks meeting. We have received twenty-one members to the church in four months. Let us hope and pray for continued blessing. We are ready for the drive next week."

Mr. George G. Ford, a layman of the Freeport church writes: "The First church of Freeport is being blessed in large measure these days. The evangelistic meetings under Dr. J. E. Con-out stirred not only the church but the rest of the city. Between ninety and one hundred signed cards at the close of the meetings. About fifteen were re-consecration, and the same number joined other churches. Rev. Frank G. Sayers has baptized about thirty and others are coming in by letter and on experience. The attendance at prayer meeting last week was a hundred and twenty-eight. Our financial goal for the four year period starting with May 1st is \$40,000. At this writing the first day of our forward drive the subscriptions total about \$30,000."

The new Stonington church of which Rev. Victor N. Witter is pastor seems to be doing aggressive work. The pastor says concerning the \$100,000,000 campaign. "We began our campaign Sunday and have been having a fine time. Our people have responded in a remarkable fashion, two to one and better on the basis of our estimates. We are over the top and still going. The people are very enthusiastic and I am sure the reaction on the local church will prove to be most favorable."

Rev. W. E. Pool, pastor of the church at Carrollton writes as follows: "We have just closed on Easter Sunday a good revival meeting. Prof. M. L. Barkman of Rochester, Indiana con-

ducted the music. Had splendid congregations throughout the meeting. Had twenty-five additions to the church. Twenty were for baptism. We are getting nicely organized for the coming campaign. We have a large apportionment, but are going to undertake to raise it all."

Rev. L. M. Westrate is having splendid success in his pastorate at Macomb. Special meetings were held, assisted by singing evangelist E. L. Crane of Denver, Colo., resulting in sixty-three professions of faith. The Missionary apportionments were all raised. Current expenses provided for and more than \$400.00 left in the treasury. The prayer meetings have increased from thirty to seventy. The church has purchased a fine parsonage on one of the best streets in the city at the cost of \$8,500.

Rev. G. P. Burdon, pastor at Shelbyville, writes as follows: "The work is moving fine. There have been twenty-six additions to the church since September, twelve by letter and fourteen by baptism. We are contemplating a great spiritual awakening from the \$100,000,000 campaign. This is the day of great things for the Baptists."

A member of the Tampico church writes: "The Philatheas have now thirty-two working members. Seventeen of these are members of the church. One has united by experience, her husband was baptized Easter. Six more have been received by letter this last week. Since Mr. Matheson came the B. Y. P. U. has been organized, also the Junior Society has twelve members. We have a Young People's choir of about fifteen."

The Mason City church seems to be prospering well. Rev. W. W. Ayer, the pastor, writes as follows: "We had a

successful Passion Week Program. The meetings were well attended and God's blessing culminated in the baptism of five recent converts, two young men and three young women. These make a total of fourteen received by baptism since January 1st. Not a few have been received by letter and prospects seem bright for receiving many more of these resident Baptists as well as others by baptism. The Bloomington Association is to be held here in September and we are endeavoring to get our church building and people prepared for the reception of the delegates."

The First Baptist Church of Rockford, Illinois, G. A. Sheets, pastor, conducted a special series of meetings from March 30 to April 4, under the leadership of Dr. F. H. Divine of the Home Mission Society. Dr. Divine rendered a very valuable service by assisting the church in the raising of \$36,332, thereby completing the fund necessary to pay for the new church edifice now under construction. The value of the new building when completed, together with the site and new parsonage, will amount to about \$100,000. The church increased the pastor's salary \$400 at the beginning of the year.

Rev. Jesse R. Hastings has been pastor of the Girard Church for one year. That church had some very unfortunate experiences for some time before pastor Hastings went there. During the past year the work has gone well. The church seems united. There have been quite a number of additions to the church and the pastor and people seem very much encouraged.

Rev. Harry H. Belton has been pastor of the Virden church for several years. They had a glorious revival during the past winter. They have a large choir;

Pastor Belton and his family are fine musicians. The church has voted to thoroughly repair the meeting house this summer. The Editor had the privilege of giving a Sunday to Girard and Virden recently.

Pastor Frank Metcalf of Bradford sent the following note: "Last week the trustees of the church signed a contract for painting and decorating the church. Geo. Andrews & Co., of Chicago has the job. Price \$1000 I went out two days last week and solicited the people and have now over \$900 towards the job."

D. E. Cox of the Littleton Church writes as follows: "I will say that our pastor is well liked by the people here. Our Sunday School has been growing rapidly and also our crowds at church services are growing. Our Sunday School attendance was formerly thirty-four to forty-five. Recently we had an attendance of 107."

Rev. Chas. H. Davies of Marissa writes on April 5th as follows: "Work is picking up fine. Baptized eleven last night, all through our regular services during the past few weeks. Also received two by letter and already have prospects of some two or three more for baptism next Sunday. The church is working as it has never worked during my pastorate."

Dr. W. E. Mundell, pastor of the First Church of Belvidere, writes the following: "Dent just left on the train for Chicago and we had a good meeting. There were thirty-four young people that expressed a desire to be Christians and two of them were baptized yesterday morning. I will have a great deal of work to do to get all the others into the church, but I hope to land every one of them and then some others too.

We like Brother Dent very much and he has been a great blessing to us. I took all the responsibility of the music myself and he did the preaching. His sermons were all good. His appeal last night was very strong and five young people responded to the invitation to accept Christ."

In a recent letter from Rev. J. R. Hastings, pastor of the Girard Church, we note the following interesting items. At a business meeting April 28th, the church unanimously voted to call the pastor for another year with an increase of \$200.00 on his salary, and a two month's vacation for the recuperation of his health. The first year of his pastorate closed with all bills paid. During the year forty-two members were added to the church, twenty-five of them by baptism. They are now working hard on their allotment for the New World Movement and have secured in cash and pledges thus far, \$5,928.00.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR APRIL

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in The Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

*Alton, 1st	\$ 68.92
Alton, Cherry St.	28.73
Antioch, Rock Island Assn.....	7.50
*Antioch	14.00
Amboy	7.41
Arcola	4.41
*Atlanta	21.45
*Andalusia	8.75
*Auburn	48.00
Aurora, 1st	45.50
*Aurora, Marion Ave.	16.71
American Bapt. Publication So., Adv. in Annual	15.00
American Bapt. Home Mission Society, Salary Evangelist.....	128.14
*Batavia	14.00
*Barry	25.58
*Bethel	7.56
*Belv'dere, 1st	15.75
*Benson	35.00
*Berwick	23.50
*Bradford	8.00

*Blandinsville	49.01	*Marissa	14.00
*Bushnell	20.00	Manlius	17.08
*Bunker Hill	3.88	Manlius, Chas. H. Dabler, S.E.F.	5.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	166.70	*Mt. Olive	7.00
*Cairo	57.75	*Mt. Carroll	56.00
*Canton	73.48	*Morrison	11.87
*Centralia	51.98	*Morrisonville	12.25
*Carrollton	44.33	Monmouth	40.11
Coles	2.84	*Moweaqua	43.16
*Champaign, University	2.55	Newark	10.00
*Chatham	7.00	Normal	4.00
*Chillicothe	9.30	*Oreana	10.40
Clyde	4.46	*Pacific Union	7.00
Chenoa	19.25	Pekin	14.00
*Chicago, Austin	97.08	*Pierson	10.00
*Chicago, Calvary	22.75	Pontiac	2.80
*Chicago, Covenant	17.33	Petersburg	2.06
*Chicago, Englewood	96.75	Percy89
Chicago, Garfield Park	36.00	*Plainfield	30.39
*Chicago, Irving Park	1.06	Pawnee church debt, Mr. D. H. Starkweather	5.00
*Chicago, Lorimer Memorial	3.11	Plymouth church, Mrs. D. M. Parks (5)	5.00
*Chicago, Marquette Rd.	5.00	*Raritan	28.75
*Chicago, Normal Park	4.06	Rantoul	10.00
*Chicago, Woodlawn	72.63	Rockton	7.00
Collections on Fields, D. O. Hopkins	175.10	*Rockford, State St.	21.00
Collections on Fields, F. M. Dunk	277.00	*Rock Island 1st	25.00
Collections on Fields, J. B. Little	178.00	*Roseville	60.00
Collected on Pawnee ch. debt.	29.30	Roseville, Mrs. G. W. Claxon (6)	5.00
Collections on Field, J. C. Dent.	273.19	Streator	12.18
Collections on Fields, Geo. H. Yule	248.00	*Stillman Valley	25.90
Decatur, East Park	13.33	St. Charles, sale of meeting house	1,750.00
*DeKalb, 1st	29.80	Springfield, Edwards St.	1.40
Dixon	13.30	*Sparland	10.00
*Divernon	30.00	Shurtleff College, Bulletin Ad.	7.00
*Deer Creek	35.00	*Somonauk	7.91
Downers Grove	10.75	*Taylorville	40.80
Elgin, 1st	94.72	*Tremont	20.75
Evanston	120.87	Tiskilwa	1.94
Education Commission	95.83	*Urbana, Herald of Hope.	10.00
*El Paso	84.00	Urbana, 1st	32.69
Fairmount	4.50	Viriden	14.00
*Freeburg	3.08	Woodlawn	1.73
*Freeport	16.50	*Waukegan	32.40
*Gardner	11.09	Woodstock	5.28
*Gilman	1.34	*Warren	2.76
Girard	17.00		
Glasford	6.23	Total	\$6,549.28
General Board of Promotion, Adv. in Annual	25.00		
Greenup Church, sold	500.00		
*Hoopeston	23.67		
Hudson	4.00		
Interest	200.00		
*Jerseyville	48.52		
Joliet, 1st	12.15		
*Joliet, Ridgewood	3.00		
*Kane	35.15		
Kewanee	30.00		
LaMarsh	3.60		
*Laomi	9.00		
*Marengo	7.00		
*Macomb	20.00		
Mattoon	11.25		

The Jacksonville Daily Journal of May 4, gave an interesting account of the progress of the Union Baptist church at Pisgah. Rev. F. M. Crabtree has been pastor five years. The church has decided to build a new meeting house on the present beautiful location at a cost of not less than \$20,000. Mr. A. A. Curry gives a subscription of \$10,000. They will probably build a parsonage

also. There is a possibility that this rural meeting house when completed will surpass the Osceola meeting house, where Rev. B. E. Allen is pastor. There are great possibilities now in our rural fields.

FRANCES SHIMER SCHOOL

In our statement in the April Bulletin concerning the amount of money allotted to Illinois out of the \$100,000,000 Fund, we failed to mention the Frances Shimer School at Mt. Carroll. By some oversight this was not reported to the Editor by Drs. Aitchison and Padelford. Dean McKee writes as follows: "You will find in the Survey, issued at Denver, page 110, under Junior Colleges, Frances Shimer School set down for \$150,000 for endowment plus \$182,000 for equipment. In the revised edition the same information appears on page 110." We are very glad to know that this splendid school is included in the Institutions assisted out of the Great Fund.

A layman from Chicago sent the following quotation and comment: "According to the income tax records for 1918 only 1,671 of the 170,000 ministers in the United States earned enough in that year to come within the law's minimum required for the payment of a Federal income tax."

"That statement in the April Bulletin needs correction. There were over a hundred thousand ministers who earned enough. The trouble was their churches did not pay them what they earned. And some were Baptist churches in Illinois."

A LAYMAN.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

The following items of interest comes from the clerk of the Hutsonville church "A series of revival services were conducted in March by Rev. J. B. Little, our District Superintendent. Twenty-one were added to the church by baptism and the church greatly benefited spiritually. As we have no pastor the church requested that he be returned to us to put on the drive for the Northern Baptist Convention. Our apportionment was \$4,000. On Sunday afternoon, April 25th, the committees raised over \$4,500 and several of the members had not been visited. Brother Little conducted a praise service Sunday night and two came into the church by letter. We are looking forward to having a pastor, Brother W. H. Breach having resigned on account of ill health. Our church entertains the Wabash Valley Association in September.—Atwood Bowles."

Rev. H. B. Stevens, our missionary pastor at Rochelle, writes as follows: "Our allotment on the \$100,000,000 fund is \$3,862. Sunday night our teams reported thirty-six contributions, the total amounting to \$4,451 and thirty-seven people yet to be seen. Of course the heavy contributors were all seen Sunday, but we now have \$4,521 and feel sure of reaching the \$5,000 mark. Praise the Lord for Victory."

District Superintendent J. B. Little writes: "I was at Hutsonville yesterday and put them over the top. Their allotment was \$4,000. We raised \$4,505.10 and they have several yet to see. Mr. Utterback said we were the first to report over the top."

District Superintendent Hopkins writes: "Mt. Sterling will make from \$1,200 to \$1,500. Clayton about \$3,000."

Timewell from \$6,000 to \$7,000. Will spend this week at Payson, Newtown and Timewell."

District Superintendent Yule has been very busy during the past month, visiting churches in Central and Southern Illinois on the Great Financial Campaign. He has been quite successful in developing an interest with many of the churches, some of them pastorless and some that had not been taught much upon this great Baptist Movement.

Rev. James B. Little conducted a meeting at Otterville in the Greene Jersey Company Association. He writes as follows: "I will leave for Hutsonville Tuesday. Having a very good meeting here in spite of the roads and weather. Seven professions, five have united with the church already."

Rev. D. O. Hopkins writes as follows: "I spent last night in Quincy. The Central church is well organized and it would seem they will reach their allotment, but the little pastorless churches around are not in very good shape."

Rev. Geo. H. Yule writes April 6th as follows: "The Bourbon people had an opportunity to buy a good parsonage for \$2,400. On Monday night following Easter, we raised \$2,665, a bad night and roads almost impassable. Saw several who will also contribute this week. Bourbon people very happy. Had a good crowd at Grape Creek despite the storm. Baptized five in ice cold water and received one by experience. Had a real good meeting. Grape Creek looks encouraging."

PERSONALS

Rev. Charles H. Gray, who closed his work some time ago at Blandinsville, is now engaged in evangelistic work. He has purchased a home in Galesburg and

will make that his headquarters. He has been holding meetings in Nebraska, and will make engagements anywhere in Illinois, if churches will correspond with him.

Rev. R. E. Foster, formerly pastor at Graymount, Illinois, writes from Tibon Falls, Idaho, the following: "The Bulletin comes regularly like a letter from home. Friends in and around the Bloomington Association will be interested to know I am at present stated supply of the First church here. We are going over the top in the \$100,000,000 campaign. Best wishes to our friends."

Dr. Judson B. Thomas in writing on May 3rd says: "I leave the office tomorrow and go back into private life." Dr. Thomas has done a fine work for the denomination in this Great Movement, and he is no doubt needed in his work at Austin, but if it had been possible for him to have continued one month longer in reaching out after churches that have not fully awakened to their responsibility yet, it would have been a great thing for the denomination, but nobody can blame Dr. Thomas for wanting to get back to his pastorate.

Evangelist J. N. Edmonson of Atwood writes April 5th:

"Dear Brand: I am booked with team twenty-two Inter Church for Harrisburg, McLeansboro, Carmi and Shawneetown, four days of my time this week is put in this way. My subject is evangelism."

District Superintendent J. C. Dent spent four weeks under the direction of Dr. Thomas on the Great Financial Movement. This gave him an opportunity of visiting many of the people in his territory although not definitely engaged in his special work. He will begin a meeting at Tampico May 9th. He re-

ports that Pastor Ostema of Savannah is having a good start. He and his wife held a two weeks' meeting in April, which resulted in one hundred boys and girls making a profession of Jesus Christ. Two hundred and twenty-five were present in one afternoon meeting. Pastor Gellespie of Plano is supplying the Somonauk church Sunday afternoons.

"There will be no trouble about raising ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS from the nearly One Million and a Half of northern Baptists, provided we can find a way to achieve the aim—that is TO REACH THE LAST MEMBER OF THE LAST BAPTIST CHURCH."

"Statistics compiled by G. E. Lindquist, director of the Indian survey of the Inter-church World Movement, show there are 336,000 Indians in the United States, of which number 44,730 are members and 70,000 are adherents of the Protestant churches, and 57,645 are Roman Catholics. There are 429 Protestants and 208 Catholic missionaries at work among them. Only 120,102 Indians speak the English language, and only 80,782 read or write it. Mr. Lindquist says that the race is increasing, instead of decreasing, as is sometimes reported."

"SIC TRANSIT

Carve your name high o'er the shifting sand

Where the steadfast rocks defy decay;
'All you can hold in your cold, dead hand,
Is what you have given away.'

Build your pyramid skyward and stand
Gazed at by millions, cultured they say;
'All you can hold in your cold, dead hand,
Is what you have given away.'

Count your wide conquests of sea and land,
Heap up the gold and hoard as you may;
'All you can hold in your cold, dead hand,
Is what you have given away.'

Culture, and fame and gold—ah so grand!
Kings of the salon, the mart, a day;
'All you can hold in your cold, dead hand,
Is what you have given away.' "

—G. Frederick Watts.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

Dear Editor:

Our article did not appear in the last Bulletin; first because there was uncertainty concerning the attitude of the Promotion Committee towards Philanthropic work, that we thought best to wait developments, and second, to have written at all, we were in danger of writing something that might prove detrimental to the \$100,000,000 drive.

Now, that matters have changed somewhat and partial provision is made for Philanthropic work, we feel safe in expressing ourselves.

I call attention to the apportionment of \$5,000 a year that is just one-fourth of our last year's needs and outlay, so the statement that we are provided for by the allotment through the state convention is misleading. The fact is, so far as the Central Baptist Children's Home is concerned, we realized through the liberality of some churches, Sunday Schools and individuals, larger returns than came through the apportionment last year, and besides, the donations of fruits, vegetables, eggs, etc.

To shut us off to the amount of \$5,000 a year is simply to starve us out. Therefore, be it known that we shall have to have, at intervals, liberal offerings from the friends of needy, homeless children. All we ask is the opportunity to present our needs to churches and Sunday Schools, and we are assured of support. We shall have to call on friends in the near future to help lift the balance of debt on the new addition.

Department of Religious Education

Chairman Rev. Herbert Hines, El Paso, Director Rev. Louis H. Koehler, Normal
Elementary Directory Miss Marian E. Kimble, Galesburg

STATE B. Y. P. U. NOTES

President Harold J. Howard requests the young people to make note of the following: Transportation Committee, Chairman, Lawrence Kester, Park Ridge, Ill., Geirge Stalker, LaSalle; J. C. Wilkinson, 303 W. Columbia Street, Champaign; F. G. Warren, Carbondale. Mr. Kester succeeds T. W. Bryant, who resigned because of absence from state. Finance Committee, Chairman, Victor Sundberg, 1034 Massasoit Avenue, Chicago; Miss Helen Eaton, Rockford; Miss Thelma Gorham, Centralia. New Vice-President for the western district, Henry Younggren, 409 S. Chestnut St., Kewanee. Please send in your per capita dues as soon as possible to either Miss Elsie Oberg, Box 10, Kewanee, Mr. Glen Shuler, Ottawa, or the member of the finance committee in your district.

STANDARD SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES

But one school reported standard this year, that at El Paso. Five societies reported standard as follows: Carthage, Kewanee, La Moille, Oglesby, and Princeton. This is an increase of three over last year. The records show that in 1919 ninety schools and forty societies reported, while this year but seventy schools and thirty-four societies reported. The loss is largely due, no doubt, to the fact that the pastors were busy pushing the New World Movement. Our superintendents and presidents ought to be trained to report promptly without the pastor's aid, but

we have not achieved that goal as yet. One indication of progress is the fact that in 1919 there were twenty-two star schools out of ninety reporting, while this year there were thirty star schools out of seventy reporting.

MEETING OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT

The department held a meeting at the Osceola church following the Easter storm and conducted important business, most of which had to do with the summer assembly. The committee on program put in several hours of work and considered carefully the complete program. The time is so short, only five days for morning instruction, and the requests to address the assembly were so many, that the committee found it absolutely necessary to put over several subjects until 1921. Besides announcements already made, Dr. Edwin M. Poteat will present a course on Stewardship; Dr. F. F. Peterson, also of the Board of Promotion will be present two days and give address on "The Church and Her Responsibility for Religious Education" besides assisting in conference on Sunday afternoon; Rev. Martin S. Bryant will conduct the vesper services; and the Board of Promotion will ship one of the five sections of the Buffalo Convention exhibit to our assembly. The next leaflet, containing details as to cost, local arrangements, faculty and courses will be mailed early this month, its issue having been postponed on account of the New World Movement.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

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Morgan, Park

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston

A CALL TO ALL WOMEN

What have the days of April 23rd, to May 2 meant to you and your church? The accomplishment of these days will mean advance in all lines. May every Illinois woman feel the need of the world as never before. May every woman take advantage of all opportunity for service, and help to bring God's goodness to other hearts.

What will the days of May mean in your life? It is the month when preparation must be made for our year's work of service, which cannot be delegated to others, by arranging our time and resources so that we may be able to attend some of the conferences and meetings which will be held in June and August, where we may receive instruction and at the same time have the benefit of a vacation from every day duties, enlarge our acquaintance with people whom we will be pleased to know and be of mutual help to each other.

After years of successful trial, it has been demonstrated that the Inter-denominational Summer Schools of Missions are a splendid agency for the renewal of physical, mental and spiritual life.

The one which is nearest to very many of us, will be held June 24-27, in McKendree College building, Lebanon, Ill., which is twenty miles from East St. Louis. Mrs. Hallie Linn Hill of New York, who for several years has been the lecturer for the school at Winona

Lake, will teach the study books. There will be others in parliamentary law, methods for young people, Bible study, children's work and other branches, who are teachers of first class ability. The registration fee is \$1.50. Room and board may be obtained in the college for \$1.00 a day. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. David Tristan Magill, Alton, Illinois.

At the same time, June 24th, a similar school will be opened at Winona Lake, Indiana. This lasts until July 1st. On August 17-24, a school will be held at Conference Point, Lake Geneva, Wis. It is a delightful spot on that famous lake on whose shores are homes known afar for their beauty. If neither of the others can be attended, do not miss this one.

For those who can go farther afield, there are the meetings of the Northern Baptist Convention to be held in Buffalo, June 22-30.

Why will any one of these places give you a satisfactory and inspirational vacation? You will hear a wonderful presentation of some portion of the Bible each day. You will hear the most thrilling stories of changed environment and lives. You may enter classes where the study books for 1920-21 are presented by leaders of national fame. You will learn how to present missions in your Sunday School and to your class. Life will be given a new impulse and greater activity.

State Board of Promotion

REV. A. E. PETERSON
Director

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TO THE BAPTISTS OF ILLINOIS

I take this advantage of Dr. Brand's kind offer to give me space in the Bulletin, to say just one word to the pastors and churches of Illinois. This is the word: *Keep up the canvass until the last person in your community has been given an opportunity to make an adequate contribution to the great forward movement of the denomination!*"

On account of heavy rains over the state, the canvass was greatly delayed last week and consequently the returns have been slow. Other churches also, because of a lack of clear understanding of the movement, did not begin preparations early enough. They have caught the meaning of it now however, and are doing their best to take their rightful place in this great task. They have discovered that this is our regular missionary and educational program, but placed upon a greatly increased scale, and understanding this fact, they are ready to co-operate with enthusiasm.

At this writing, Tuesday, May 4th, we have incomplete returns from one hundred and twenty-three churches in the state and the total is approximately two million dollars. Incomplete returns from the whole field of the Northern Baptist Convention at noon today was forty-six million, two hundred eighteen thousand.

The canvass is by no means completed anywhere. It has only begun. Instead of consuming a week's time, it will take months to cover the field thoroughly.

Thousands of dollars have been pledged in Illinois that have not yet been reported to the State headquarters, and this unreported sum from the various states will aggregate millions.

Pastors and campaign directors should report to this office the totals pledged in their churches, including the amount paid on their apportionment last year, at the earliest possible dates, if such reports have not been mailed to us before.

We are in this thing to do our best. The goal is a high goal because the task is a great task. And it is a great task because it is the Great Commission brought down to date. No true disciple of Jesus Christ with a clear understanding of what is involved in this campaign, will fail to do his best.

The Alton church and citizens are doing great things for Shurtleff College. Already they have received a subscription of \$96,000 and will make it more than \$100,000 within a few days. The Upper Alton church subscribed \$30,000.

"Everything is charged to prohibition nowadays! Commenting on the report that sixteen children were killed in Chicago streets by reckless motorists in March, 1920, as against four in March, 1910, a coroner of that city declares with almost Solomonic wisdom, 'I really believe that a certain class of automobile drivers are speeding through our streets this year for the thrill they have lost in the absence of beer and wines.' Of course. The heavy snowstorms of the last winter, and the high price of potatoes, are likewise to be referred to the Eighteenth amendment!"

Shurtleff College

A Million Dollar Plant

January 1, 1919—Old Endowment -----\$182,883.05

New Endowment, included in the One Hundred Million

Campaign ----- 500,000.00

Total ----- \$682,883.05

January 1, 1919—Buildings and Grounds ----- 105,223.44

New Buildings and Equipment in the One Hundred Million

Campaign ----- 225,000.00

Total ----- \$330,223.44

Grand Total—Endowment and Plant-----\$1,013,106.49

Have you made your contribution to Shurtleff College?

Illinois Baptists should remember that any gifts made to Shurtleff College will count on their church allotments in the National Financial Campaign.

If it will clarify the matter and help in the work, gifts may be sent direct to Shurtleff College and the college will certify the amount to the General Board of Promotion.

Information will be gladly given.

GEORGE M. POTTER, *President.*

MYRON W. HAYNES, *Endowment Sec'y.*

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A Spiritual Campaign

During the past twelve months the Baptists of the North, and in fact all denominations have been emphasizing the idea of giving large sums of money for the Lord's work at home and abroad, both in religious, educational and missionary work. While much remains to be done to complete this great financial drive, yet the great bulk of that task is over and now something more important needs to be done. The Great Survey of the world, as gotten out by the Inter-church surveys, shows the fearful needs of the world at this time and the great opportunity for the churches. Now is the time that the world needs the spiritual power of Christianity. The high cost of living is largely the result of profiteering. Sugar is not selling at 30 cents a pound and potatoes at \$6.00 per bushel because of shortage but because of selfish profiteering.

The difficulty between so many nations today is because of selfish interests and hatred existing among the races and nations. Warfare does not remedy these evils, but only increases them. The spirit of Christian teaching, to think of others rather than self, and to be fair and honest in personal and social and national affairs is the only thing that will save this world from the direct social

disasters. Now is the time for every pastor and missionary society to work for the spiritual regeneration of society, and society cannot be regenerated except as individuals are regenerated. The old fashioned gospel needs to be preached now, the doctrine that men are lost in sin, not only as society, but as individuals and that the only salvation and only hope is through the acceptance of the atonement made by Jesus Christ upon the cross and by faithful and complete surrender to him and his cause. So many thousands of people seem to think that when they make a profession of faith and are baptized and join the church, nothing more is needed of them except a kind of moral life until they leave this world.

Every disciple of Jesus should be an unselfish consecrated worker for the saving of this world. Every disciple of Jesus should feel it his or her duty to win others to Christ and to do all in his power to build up a strong and efficient local church and through the local church to help evangelize the state, the nation and the world. There is but little real joy in half-hearted Christian service. The happiness of Christian life comes in connection with active Christian service. It is the happy joyful Christian that influences others. Let us now get over this Chris-

tian lethargy of the last fifty years and take hold of Christian work as though it were the greatest thing in this life. During the first two centuries of Christian history, the whole body of disciples seemed to feel their great life work was to save the people and they worked at their trades and professions and farms simply to make a living while working for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. Now most Christians live as though they think their great interest in this life is to get the riches and pleasures of this world and then go to heaven when they die. We need not think much about getting to heaven after we leave this world. God will take care of that and make that all right with us if we are all right with him and doing his will while we tarry in this world. The world could be very largely won to Christ in this generation if all professed Christians had a true conception of Christianity and would live and work as the New Testament plainly teaches. What might we not expect within the next ten years if every pastor would become an evangelist and every member of his church would become a helper in this work.

AFTER THE CAMPAIGN

The week, April 23-May 2, was the greatest financial campaign the Baptists of the North have ever experienced. Many churches went over the top and are greatly rejoicing in the effort and success. Many other churches made just as honest an effort and could not raise the whole apportionment, but if they made a reasonable effort and did what they could, they have just as much right to rejoice in the great campaign as those who succeeded and God will bless them not so much in what they did, but in the

effort they made. About the only churches today that are not happy are those that refused to make any reasonable effort, and some that made no effort at all because it seemed to them too big a task, but there is time yet for these churches to wake up and fall in line. Some churches did not have a good opportunity, some did not understand the Movement, some were not organized for the campaign, some were pastorless, and a few had pastors who were not in sympathy with the New World Movement; but there is time enough for all these churches to move up in the Onward Movement of the whole Baptist denomination, north and south, and with all Protestant denominations who are moving in the same direction. There are perhaps 200 churches in Illinois that have not yet completed the drive, some of them have not started. There are many pastors and laymen and women who are willing to aid these churches without expense to organize and push the canvass.

There were many causes for some churches being behind in this work and some of these could not be overcome at the time. Every church affiliated with the Northern Baptist Convention should be able to report in its letter to the Association that it is in line with the great denomination and made a serious effort to raise the apportionment and if it was not able to do that, report the amount it did raise. Let us all work together and work together now.

The First Baptist Church of Alton, after it had raised its full apportionment on the \$100,000,000 drive more than \$60,000 and voted to put a new heating plant in the church to cost \$3,500, also voted to increase the salary of the pastor Rev. M. W. Twing, \$600 per year.

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THE Spring has been unusually late
in Illinois this year. Cold wet
weather has kept back the farmers. Corn
is being planted three weeks late.

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ILLINOIS has never failed. Some
times we have a shortage of crops,
but Illinois has never had a failure in its
history. The weather is fine now and
every thing is coming on rapidly. A
late spring is almost sure to be followed
by a late fall.

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WHEN the young people from all
over the state come to Shurtleff for
the Summer Assembly, they can get ac-
quainted with the great plans and possi-
bilities for the future of Shurtleff Col-
lege. The trustees recently increased the
teachers' salaries to a reasonable degree
and also increased the salary of the presi-
dent.

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IN the July number we shall give a
brief but concise account of the meet-
ing of the Northern Baptist Convention
in Buffalo. The Bulletin is too small a
paper for a comprehensive report, but
we will give it so that the readers can
get the gist of the doings of the Con-
vention. The Editor and his wife will
attend the meetings.

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THE purchase of so much splendid
land in Upper Alton on both sides of
the college campus seems to have in-
spired the people of Alton to attempt
large things. No great school for the
future can be built up on a small space
of ground. There must be ample room
for buildings, lawns and play grounds. It
will take some time to do the proper land-
scape gardening that must be done on
the new addition to Shurtleff campus, but
it can be done and must be done.

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PEOPLE who live in such a peculiar-
ly favored place as Illinois have great
reasons to be thankful to our Heavenly
Father and should give him faithful
service. No interest of religion, either
at home or abroad, should suffer for lack
of support in this rich and prosperous
state.

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THE city of Alton is showing its in-
terest in Shurtleff College in a re-
markable way. \$100,000 has been raised
in that one city for Shurtleff Endowment.
About half of that was raised by the three
Baptist churches and the remainder by
the citizens of Alton who are not Bap-
tists.

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LET every body remember that, when
the blue cross appears on his paper,
he will not receive another copy until he
renews. Many subscription lists for the
churches run out and are not renewed
for several months because nobody
makes an effort for a new club. The
pastor should see to it that a large club
of the Bulletin is taken in his church,
but if the pastor is too busy to look
after this matter, some layman or some
woman should take it up and push it to
a success.

PASTORAL CHANGES

It is reported that the Griggsville church has extended a call to Rev. C. H. Davies, pastor at Marissa. We have not learned as to whether or not he will accept the call.

Rev. L. D. Lamkin, D.D., has been secured to take the pastoral care of the Olney church for three months. Missionary Yule and his wife spent three weeks on that field and Dr. Lamkin will find a great opportunity there for this summer.

Rev. H. C. Leland, Ph.D., who has been pastor at Divernon for about five years, recently offered his resignation to take effect May 31st. Brother Leland will retire from the pastorate and make his home in Dixon. After he has taken some time for resting he will supply churches within reasonable distance of his home as he may be needed. Brother Leland has spent many years in pastoral work in Illinois and has been one of our most faithful men. Any church within reasonable distance of Dixon that needs supply work will do well to correspond with Brother Leland.

PERSONALS

Rev. W. H. Breach, of Danville, has recovered from a very serious affliction. He says, "I am very well and in pretty good condition and from what I learn will be able to do larger and better service. I sincerely hope so. Shall be ready to consult with fields calling for the Bible Message."

Rev. A. W. Judd, who has been pastor at New Berlin for about five years, was called by the Bourbon church. He anticipated accepting the call but when he mentioned it to the church they called a special meeting and raised his salary from \$1,500 to \$1,800 and appointed a commit-

tee to secure a parsonage at once. Under those conditions Brother Judd felt that he ought to remain at New Berlin.

CHURCHES

The following was published in a Shelbyville local paper:

"At a regular business session of the Baptist congregation following prayer meeting Thursday night, Rev. G. P. Burdon, the pastor, was given an increase of salary of three hundred dollars a year. The increase was given as a mark of appreciation for Mr. Burdon's work here since he assumed the pastorate last September. The church is in a flourishing condition and there is growing interest in all branches of the church work. Twenty-six new members have been recently added to the church membership."

The Barry church, of which Rev. T. Elmer Jones is pastor, seems to be doing good work. They have an orchestra of eight members that is taking quite an active part in the church services.

Rev. R. T. Gasaway, pastor of the Mendota church, seems to have great encouragement in his work. He made out a program for the year's work from Nov. 19, 1919 to Nov. 19, 1920. It is a very rational but progressive program and the church is measuring up to it in good shape. The pastor says: "We have had no special meetings, yet we have added fifteen to the membership since the first of the year, thirteen of this number by baptism, of whom eleven were young men and young women."

The LaGrange church, of which Rev. Otis B. Read recently became pastor, has been in a very critical condition for some years past, but it is coming up remarkably well now. The apportionment of that church was \$10,713.00 and they raised \$11,595.17, \$882.17 over its quota.

A member of the Morrisonville church writes: "The First Baptist Church of Morrisonville has called Rev. C. W. Swift recently of Pawnee. Mr. and Mrs. Swift have transferred their personal belongings to the parsonage here and have entered into active service. A fruitful administration is being looked forward to, both by church and pastor. A reception was given, welcoming the new pastor and his wife. The young people do not stand back and look on all the time either."

The Normal church is doing well under the leadership of its new pastor, Rev. Edward L. Bayliss. He began his work March 1st. The church was carefully organized and an every-member canvass was made on the \$100,000,000 drive. The pastor's wife is building up a fine class of Normal students in the Sunday School. The church will send the pastor to Buffalo and pay his expenses. Pastor Bayliss is very anxious that any pastors who know of Baptist students intending to attend the Normal school, should send him their names at once.

The Editor spent Sunday, May 23d, at Galesburg. We had a good day. Visited the splendid Sunday school in the morning at the First church and the two branch Sunday schools in the afternoon. Also spoke a few minutes to the Junior congregation that meets at eleven o'clock. Every seat in that room was taken. The interest at the morning congregation was good. Visited the Swedish Baptist Sunday School from twelve to one o'clock. The Swedish church has called a new pastor and is doing well. They have a good meeting house. The two afternoon Missions of the First church have splendid buildings. The church did a great thing on the \$100,000,000 drive. Dr.

Fowle, the pastor, is getting along well on that field.

The Editor spent May 9th, with the Petersburg church. This church is much stronger than at any previous time in its history. Rev. John B. Martin has been pastor for one year. There are great possibilities in this church but many in the church have not learned to do things on the large scale that the present time demands. Dr. Hopkins, our District Superintendent, will give them a few days, helping in a more thorough organization and subscription for home expenses. Brother Martin seems to be doing good work.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

Rev. C. C. Long of Urbana, writes a very encouraging letter concerning the work of Rev. George H. Yule and wife on that field. Conditions were such that the work was very difficult but he speaks in very high terms of their work. He says: "He was all that we expected of him, and his wife was also very strong. We have words of the greatest praise for her. There are fields in which they will do a magnificent work."

Rev. D. O. Hopkins has been spending some time working with the Plymouth, Colchester and Bushnell churches. He at this writing is spending some time at Petersburg.

A member of the Colchester church writes as follows: "Mr. Hopkins did a good work here. He raised over \$600 and preached two very good sermons. The sermon he preached at the Sunday evening service must have been just for me because I received so much help from the many good things he said. I think we should congratulate ourselves on hav-

ing such men connected with the State Convention work."

One who attended an Institute at Monmouth, writes: "I spent two days at Monmouth April 15th and 16th. The program was good and I felt well repaid for my trip. Mr. Koehler is the right man for the work he is doing."

Missionary George H. Yule writes as follows: "Wonderful is the change that has come over these people at Olney. They are not like the same we met two weeks ago. They have warmed up and believe we would have had a great revival if we could only stay a month. We only baptized four and took in three more. It is just wonderful what we got them to do. We have in good pledges \$1,800 and at least \$200.00 more good pledges to come in."

Missionary J. C. Dent writes as follows: "I expect to work at Enon, Grant Park and Deer Park before the Convention in Buffalo. Pastor Matheson of Tampico, will supply the Thomas church every Sunday afternoon this summer. Rev. G. B. L. Johnson has resigned at Shabbona and Mr. Percy Mundy, a student of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, is supplying the pulpit."

Rev. T. O. McMinn, our State Convention Missionary for southern Illinois, spent the whole months of April and May in the \$100,000,000 drive among the former Free Baptist churches of southern Illinois. The exceedingly wet weather and high waters prevented his doing much that he could otherwise have accomplished. He says, "On account of so much rain and high waters we could not carry out our plans, but we are going to enlist every one of our churches in missionary giving before we get through." He says further, "We came in contact with the influences of the Southern Bap-

tists and they are doing all they can to prejudice our people against the whole thing and where we have an indifferent pastor in the field, they succeed in doing us great harm. We have raised nearly \$80,000 and I believe we will have reached \$100,000 when we get through."

Rev. James B. Little writes: "Next I went to New Douglas. They were not aiming to do anything, said they had been sending their missionary money to the Southern State Association. I preached morning and evening and at the close of the evening service I gave the invitation and the principal of the school came forward and requested baptism. She was received as a candidate, after which I dismissed the audience, called a meeting of the church and asked them to decide just what and where they were. I left it entirely with them and after a few minutes of wise deliberation they voted unanimously and enthusiastically so, too, to line up wholly with the Northern Baptist Convention and to support the New World Movement. An effort was made the next day and we raised \$395.00 on the \$100,000,000 drive and there are several others yet to see."

A layman of the Sycamore church writes concerning their new pastor as follows: "I wish to take this occasion of again thanking you for helping us secure the services of Rev. E. K. Masterson, who seems to be the man for the place and is doing things. His first work here was in regard to the \$100,000,000 drive and, although new in the field, he took active charge of the work, with the result that pledges were secured for between \$1,200 and \$1,500. While this is but a small part of our apportionment, still it is much better than we have done heretofore. He then took up the matter of the Baptist Bulletin with the results

given below, twenty-seven subscriptions."

Rev. W. W. Ayer, pastor of the church at Mason City, sends a communication concerning Missionary D. O. Hopkins as follows: "Just a line to let you know how thankful I am, personally, that you sent Dr. Hopkins to us. We did need him and he surely has been proving his usefulness and ability, for after three days of hard work on an every-member solicitation we have raised nearly \$900 more than has ever previously been subscribed to the local church."

Rev. Alex Matheson of Tampico, writes as follows concerning the meeting of Missionary J. C. Dent on his field: "Brother Dent has just closed his meeting with us and we have been greatly helped. I baptized six and there are others to follow. In all there were twelve conversions. Brother Dent is indeed a preacher of power and is greatly loved wherever he goes. Our church has been greatly revived in spirit."

Rev. V. Colbert of Collinsville, writes as follows: "Rev. J. B. Little has been with us to our delight and we feel that he is the right man in the right place. I have told him that I want to co-operate with him in any way possible."

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR MAY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in The Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

*Aledo	\$ 7.80
*Ava	14.70
*Arcola	28.15
*Aurora, Claim St.	9.42
*Belvidere, South	73.60
*Belleville	18.10
*Berlin	32.33
*Bourbon	24.00
Canton	29.91
*Cambridge	15.27
*Carthage	61.60
Champaign, 1st	12.71
Champaign, University	25.00
Charleston	18.00

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Centralia, Mrs. J. H. McGuire, pledge (S.E.F.)	5.00
*Clyde	4.78
*Chicago, Auburn Park	12.25
Chicago, Austin	12.55
*Chicago, Belden Ave.	82.13
Chicago, First	17.39
*Chicago, Galilee	14.77
Chicago, Irving Park	7.20
*Chicago, LaSalle	29.90
*Chicago, Morgan Park	141.34
*Chicago, Maplewood	25.00
Chicago, Parkside	6.60
*Chicago, Ravenswood	78.16
*Chicago, Rogers Park	39.41
*Chicago, Second	118.47
Chicago, Tabernacle	28.31
*Chicago, Western Ave.	19.27
Chicago, Woodlawn	38.99
DeKalb, 1st	19.87
*Delavan	25.00
Downers Grove	4.40
*Erie	7.00
*Edinburg	14.00
*Elgin, 1st	19.59
Elgin, Immanuel	10.40
*Evanston	254.14
Estate, Lou Divilbiss, Normal.....	25.00
Fairfield	16.10
*Fidelity	5.20
*Galva	69.50
*Gilman	32.01
*Graymont	46.00
*Greenville	18.10
Greenup, sale of furniture.....	61.00
Grape Creek, Insurance	36.15
*Griggville	9.75
General Board of Promotion, Adv. in Bulletin	8.00
*Harvey	7.63
*Hillsboro	9.75
Interest	412.50
*Joliet, Eastern Ave.	52.30
Kankakee	6.66
*Kinderhook	11.15
LaGrange	20.00
*Latham	16.00
Lexington	2.77
*Lincoln	39.20
*Mattoon	27.15
Maywood	11.62
*Mason City	15.75
*Marseilles	8.78
Mendota	13.50
*Moline	84.92
*Minonk	12.72
Normal	4.58
Oak Park, 1st	27.00
Oglesby	14.56
Orion	4.20
Ottawa	16.57
Paris	13.16
*Paw Paw	26.80
Percy	4.41
*Princeton	89.72
*Providence, Rock Island Assn...	15.27

Pittsfield	11.15
Plano	5.85
Pontiac	35.00
Quincy, Central	154.00
Roodhouse	19.60
Roseville	3.86
Rockford, 1st	16.27
Rockford, State Street	15.55
*Sandwich	26.49
*Sidell	19.89
Springfield, Central	65.82
*St. Anne	7.00
Shurtleff College, Adv. in Bulletin	7.00
*Toulon	81.77
*Tremont	13.27
Troy	9.21
*Tuscola	10.50
Taylorville	7.00
Tonica, T. C. Henning	50.00
Tonica, Parsonage Rent	99.47
*Utica	44.89
Urbana, 1st	9.73
*Watertown	14.41
Waukegan	7.02
Westville, rent	9.00
*Wilmette	19.88
*Woodstock	8.96
*Whites Grove	5.00
Total	\$3,480.14

THE CHICAGO ASSOCIATION

The Chicago Association met with the Evanston church June 3 and 4. The weather was fine but the attendance was only fairly good. The program was fine and the spirit of the meetings good. The Chicago Association has ninety churches and about 25,000 members, yet they have only two day meetings, afternoon and night. They have no morning sessions. The reports this year showed 1,160 baptisms, 56 baptisms less than last year. The gains reported by all the churches were 2,582. One hundred seventy-five more gains than last year. The entire loss of the churches the past year was 2,688. One hundred six more loss than gain. The Chicago Association is a great body of Christian people and the Executive Committee is doing fine mission work. Yet conditions are such, and the great foreign population so prominent that the Association did not hold its own

last year, but lost a few members. While that is true of the white Baptists, the negro Baptists in Chicago have probably increased several thousands. However, the white Baptists do not feel discouraged, but are beginning to understand something of the greatness of the work to successfully meet modern conditions.

ORDINATION

Rev. Mr. Castle, who has been pastor at Utica, Illinois, for a few months, was ordained Friday, June 4th. Mr. Castle has attended the Moody Bible Institute two years and the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago two years. The people at Utica seem well pleased with him and his wife. Quite a large council assembled. There were fifteen or sixteen ordained ministers present, and several laymen. Mr. Castle made a statement of his Christian Experience and call to the ministry, and then read a well prepared paper giving a statement of his views of Christian Doctrine. After some time had been spent in asking questions upon certain points the council voted unanimously to recommend his ordination. After supper, which was served in the parlors of the church, ordination exercises were carried out. Dr. George Taft, Dean of the Theological Seminary, preached the sermon.

SPECIAL CONVENTION RATES

All delegates and visitors to the Northern Baptist Convention, in order to secure the low rates to the Buffalo meeting, *must* have an identification certificate before they can purchase a ticket at the special reduced rate at their home ticket office.

These certificates may be secured upon application to your state secretary or to Mr. W. G. Brimson, manager of trans-

portation of the Northern Baptist Convention, at 125 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago. There is no time for delay. These certificates will make it possible to secure one and one-third fare for all where the round trip fare is in excess of one dollar. This rate is applicable to all those attending the convention and dependent members of their families. This notice supersedes the previous notice of the certificate plan which has been withdrawn. Tickets will be sold from June 19 to June 25. This arrangement does not apply to New England or to the Pacific Coast, rates on which will be given next week.

Parties who are planning to attend the Baptist Young People's Union of America Convention in Toronto, July 1-4, may secure their identification certificates as above.—The Baptist.

Rev. Mr. Hertell, pastor of the Cooks Mills and Coles churches, was married May 27th, to Miss D. C. Stevens of Grape Creek. Rev. F. L. Enslow, of Danville, officiated at the marriage.

The income tax returns for Chicago show that there are 731 individuals and corporations in that city reporting incomes for 1919 of \$1,000,000 or more. Thirty-one individuals were added last year to the number. One corporation paid \$6,000,000 as the first installment of its tax of \$24,000,000.

ASSOCIATIONS

The Rock River Association met with the Sterling Church June 1-2. It was exceedingly rainy the first half day of the meeting. The attendance was fairly good and the interest very deep. The spirit of the Association was on a high grade. Six churches that were pastor-

less and very much discouraged one year ago, now have pastors and all of them are doing good and encouraging work. Some of the other churches are doing much more aggressive work than formerly. At the writing of these notes, five of the churches had not yet sent a letter. Nineteen churches had sent letters and twelve of these reported 154 baptisms. This is a larger number of baptisms than is generally reported by that Association. Six churches reported no baptisms. There is not now a pastorless church in the Rock River Association except Lena, and that church could be supplied from Damascus.

"REPORT SHOWS COST WAR LORD LEVIED AGAINST FRENCH

PARIS, May 19.—(French Wireless Service.)—What is perhaps the first concise and comprehensive statement of France's war losses has just been made by Capt. Andre Tardieu, former French high commissioner in the United States.

In describing what he call the "balance sheet of France, Capt. Tardieu states that during the five years of the war 8,000,000 men were mobilized, of whom 1,400,000 were killed, 800,000 maimed, and 300,000 wounded. France thus lost 57 per cent of her men under 32 years of age.

Concerning material losses, Capt. Tardieu states that 600,000 houses were destroyed, 75,000,000 acres of arable land laid waste, and 3,000 miles of railroad and 25,000 miles of highways destroyed.

Mines which produced 55 per cent of France's total coal output were damaged or destroyed; 11,50 factories, which before the war produced 95 per cent of the woolen goods, 90 per cent of the linen material, 70 per cent of the sugar, and 60 per cent of the cotton goods, were crippled.

One-third of France's ships were sunk by German submarines.

The Northern Baptist Convention will meet in Buffalo, N. Y., June 23-30. Special meetings will be held in the interest of Evangelism the Sunday and Monday preceding the Convention. The General Board will meet Monday and Tuesday, June 21-22. The Women's Societies will hold meetings preceding the Convention.

It is expected that the Convention will be one of exceedingly great interest this year. We hope we shall have a large number of Illinois representatives there. Many churches will do a nice thing to aid the pastor in paying his expenses to the Convention. These are times when laymen are taking a special and deep interest in denominational affairs and many of them should attend this great Convention.

As the Northern Convention is a delegated body, no one can be admitted into the body of the building except those who have certificates of membership showing appointment from some church or State Convention. Any church may appoint one delegate and one additional for every one hundred members. The certificate should be about as follows in form:

To the Northern Baptist Convention:

Mr. or Rev. or Mrs. _____ is hereby authorized to act as a delegate from _____, Ill. Baptist church to the Northern Baptist Convention meeting in Buffalo, N. Y., June 23-30, 1920.

Church Clerk.

SUMMER ASSEMBLY

The Summer Assembly of Illinois will meet this summer at Shurtleff College, Alton, Illinois, July 12-18. Rev. Louis H. Koehler, S. S. and B. Y. P. U. worker in Illinois, is giving much attention to the work of this Assembly. A fine program has been provided. Forenoons will be given to study, afternoons to recreation and evenings to inspirational lectures. The dormitories at the College and the rooms at the women's buildings will be used for the entertainment of those who attend, and many private homes in Alton will all be open for those who attend the Assembly. The indica-

tions are that there will be a large attendance this summer.

The following quotation was taken from a noted Presbyterian paper: "The Baptist Church New World Movement has already proved itself remarkably well organized. None of the other denominational drives which made up the Inter-church World Movement seems to have had the force shown by the Baptists. The Baptists were not afraid to announce beforehand what they expected to do and to take the attitude that of course they would do it. The Presbyterian churches unfortunately have often been fearful to let their people know what was expected of them, have apologized for the figures and acted as though they were absurd. No wonder the Presbyterians last year fell five million dollars short of thirteen millions."

INCREASE IN SALARIES

The First Baptist Church of Urbana has increased the salary of its pastor, Rev. C. C. Long, \$400. This is the second time they have increased his salary, which now amounts to 33 1/3 per cent over what they were paying when he entered the field.

Rev. Russell A. Rapson, pastor of the Baptist church at Roodhouse, sends the following items: "We have just paid off an old debt of \$800 and with the repairs on the church we spent over \$3,000 the past year. This is aside from the regular expenses. We have received twenty-one new members of whom fifteen were by baptism since the first of February. We begin the canvass for the New World Movement Fund next Sunday. The work in general is in good shape."

Rev. Ernest N. Cox, pastor at Gilman, writes: "I am sending you herewith names and addresses of twenty-nine subscriptions to the Bulletin for one year. Our work is going nicely. Went over the top on our New World Movement allotment. My daughter is going to the Toronto Convention and I hope to go to Buffalo myself."

ILLINOIS CHURCHES AND \$100,000,000 DRIVE

The Aledo church that does not have a pastor at this time, raised \$3,041.00 on the great financial drive. This was not its full allotment, but it was splendid for that church in its present condition. We hope to get a pastor located on that field soon.

A Great Little Church in a Great Little Town. Toulon, in Stark County, in 1910, had a population of 1200. Last year the Baptist church reported a membership of 320. The apportionment on the \$100,000,000 drive for that church was \$31,717, and they raised \$32,000. They celebrated the great victory with a jollification meeting. One of the laymen says, "It did look impossible but with much prayer we tackled it and the response was just as much of a surprise."

Glasford and LaMarsh churches: "You may be interested to know how we came out on the \$100,000,000 drive. Glasford pledged so far \$1,046.20. LaMarsh \$1,455.00, together \$2,501.20. We sent in cash from both fields \$500.00. This is an increase from 500 per cent to 1000 per cent in the last three or four years for Missions."

"The New World Movement was pushed heartily at Arcola and some of the people are really sacrificing to give to this great cause. For instance, there are some who had never given as much as

\$10.00 per year to missions and who are now giving from \$300 to \$500. About \$5,000 had been pledged May 1st."

The Greenville church of which Rev. R. M. Webdell is pastor, had an apportionment on the \$100,000,000 drive of \$10,812. They raised \$10,967. Went over the top by \$155.70. The pastor writes: "We had a Men's Banquet that put vim and push into our people. Our four minute speakers did excellent work in the campaign."

Charlotte Rapp, church correspondent of the New Stonington church in the Springfield Association, of which Rev. Victor N. Witter is pastor, writes: "In the recent drive of the New World Movement the allotment assigned this church went over the top by a margin of \$5,338.00, raising \$17,442.00. Under the leadership of our energetic pastor the church is progressing nicely, both as to organization and increased attendance. Within the last six months the Sunday School has more than doubled its attendance."

The New Berlin Church, in the Springfield Association, of which Rev. A. W. Judd is pastor, went over the top in raising its apportionment on the \$100,000,000 drive.

Chicago, Ill., May 18, 1920.

Dear Dr. Brand:

I have just read your editorials in the Bulletin for May and am glad that such a trenchant stroke can be made for both the subjects treated. I am only sorry that more of our denomination cannot read the articles. I am very sure that the position which you have taken in them will meet the approval of the vast majority of Baptists, North or South.

Sincerely,

W. G. Brimson.

The Baptist Old People's Home

Maywood, Illinois
Mrs. A. W. Runyan, Sec'y.

The members of the Home are glad of June with its flowers and opportunity to get out of doors into the sunshine and health-giving atmosphere.

As other things besides air and sunshine are necessary to existence, and the allotment of \$5,000 per year for two years, from the \$100,000,000 Campaign will not half meet the running expenses of the Home with the present high cost of living, we call to your attention—if the Home is properly cared for we must have additional support aside from this, and suggest that as many Sunday Schools, Woman's Societies and individuals as possibly can care for the Home for one day. Average expense per day \$25.00. (This not including coal and property expense). Will you, my reader, stand for one day? Either do it yourself or call to your aid twenty-four other individuals or classes who will stand for one hour at \$1.00 per hour.

While we of the Home and Board rejoice in the great work planned by the General Board of Promotion of the Northern Baptist Convention and are glad to have a little part in it—we regret that it was not deemed possible to make an allotment for enlarging the building of our Baptist Old People's Home—the only one in the Northern Baptist Convention district west of Ohio, so we might take some of those now on the waiting list. Perhaps God will lead individuals to do this.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

Slowly but surely summer has come. Seeding time is almost over and much has been accomplished by the Superintendent and our boys in planting the big garden.

Next week school closes and a number will be leaving us, probably not to return. Eight of our household graduate from eighth grade and all are aiming to continue school somewhere next September.

During May our children numbered eighty-four, the largest number ever here at one time, and as soon as some leave, others are ready to enter.

The mumps and chicken pox have made in our midst their annual spring appearance, but no serious results.

The children and entire household have sadly missed the helpful visits of our sister, Mrs. H. S. Merrill, who has been confined to her home by illness. We trust that she will soon be restored to home and friends and to this work for which she has done so much.

We wish to express our grateful thanks to friends throughout the state who supplied us so generously with eggs at Easter time. There is no gift which may be sent to us more highly appreciated than a case of eggs and none which does more good. Such churches as Roseville, LaMarsh, Manlius, Walnut, Osceola, LaMoille, Cornell and Hutsonville could not be tempted by the high price of eggs to forget their annual gift to the Children's Home. Verily they shall not lose their reward.

Department of Religious Education

Chairman Rev. Herbert Hines, El Paso, Director Rev. Louis H. Koehler, Normal
Elementary Directory Miss Marian E. Kimble, Galesburg

A Question and An Answer

Why did Christ spend so much time training his disciples?

When you have answered that answer this—

Does he want his disciples of today trained?

As you reply in the affirmative don't you hear him calling you to

Attend the Summer Assembly One of Christ's Training Schools of Today

THE FACULTY IS UNSURPASSED.

THE COURSES THE MOST NEEDFUL.

THE COST IS UNUSUALLY REASONABLE.

THE RECREATION WILL RECREATE AND RENEW.

THE FELLOWSHIP WILL BE RICH AND ENTERTAINING.

THE RESULT WILL BE COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY.

LISTEN! Opportunity is knocking at your door. Of course you will open it and GO TO SHURTLEFF COLLEGE JULY 12-18, 1920

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan, Park

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston

The seventh annual meeting of the Central District was held in Carbondale, May 4-6. Women from Michigan, Missouri and Illinois came together for three days to hear reports from the fields and devise plans for better work in the year to come.

The weather was fine and the people opened their homes with a splendid cordiality to all who came. Reports were given from six fields in the Orient, where the district supports twenty-four missionaries. Miss Ruth Daniels of Midnapore, India, and Mrs. S. A. Boggs of Assam gave vivid word pictures of their stations and spoke of the confidence the native officials have in the children who attend their schools by giving them preference in filling government positions.

Miss Ina Burton brought a message from the training school, Miss Alice Brimson from the New American in our land, Miss Sarah E. Noyes told of her experiences in Community Work and Miss Ethel Ryan told of the Hopi Indians who are trying to "walk true to God and to the Government."

Mrs. H. E. Goodman reported that \$52,456.71 had been pledged for the Jubilee Fund. Of this amount \$28,899.56 was from Illinois.

The W. W. G. girls gave some fine reports and had charge of a banquet on the last day, at which some very in-

spiring toasts were given and which brought the meeting to an enthusiastic climax.

The Inter-church World Movement is planning to raise a fund to pay for the expenses of the past year and support the work for 1920-21. The women are expected to assist in this and a plan has been outlined through which it is hoped the women of all denominations will be reached. The leaders are to be a State Captain and a Lieutenant for each county and also a Lieutenant for each town or city of 50,000 population or over.

Mrs. W. P. Topping was appointed State Captain, and has as her committee Mrs. L. O. Lee, Congregationalist; Mrs. Luce, Methodist; Mrs. Austin Hunter, Disciple; Mrs. N. C. King, Presbyterian; Mrs. R. C. Gibson, United Presbyterian. These, with other committees, will work out the plan. Their objective will be to secure women who will give or get \$100 each towards the fund, which it is desired to raise. Illinois is apportioned for \$800,000, and the women are asked to raise \$200,000 of the amount.

The women of the Wabash Valley Association recently held a mid-year meeting with the church at Olney. They report a very interesting and helpful time. An instructive lesson on Medical Missions was led by Mrs. Mabel Hendershott and a pageant was given by the W. W. G. Girls.

State Board of Promotion

REV. A. E. PETERSON
Director

417 South Dearborn St.
Chicago, Ill.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO CHURCH TREASURERS

1. Church treasurers are expected to remit before the 5th of each month moneys collected on the New World Movement pledges and to send the same to A. E. Peterson, State Promotion Director, 417 South Dearborn St., Chicago.

2. It is very important that any money on hand should be sent at the earliest possible moment. During the intensive campaign for pledges actual cash has not been forthcoming in sufficient amounts to meet the immediate needs of the societies involved. Please do not allow any money to lie idle in the local church treasury!

3. Treasurers should be careful to indicate what part of a remittance, if any, is designated for a special object by the donor. Failure to make such notation will cause confusion and will divert funds into the regular or general channels and not as specified by the individual giver.

4. Report blanks to be used when making the monthly remittances are now being mailed out from the state office. Any treasurer not having received such blanks should notify Mr. Peterson at once.

5. Individual ledger cards for the use of local church treasurers have just been received. These cards have been prepared for the purpose of recording records of payments as they are being made by the individual givers. They will be mailed free of charge upon request, indicating the number wanted, allowing one for each subscriber. Treasurers should

avail themselves of this offer unless a system of bookkeeping already in vogue fully meets the present requirements.

6. Duplex envelopes can be secured from the Publication Society, 125 North Wabash Ave., Chicago.

CONCERNING FOLLOW-UP WORK

This is now receiving careful consideration. There are some churches in each association that have for various reasons, postponed the financial ingathering, or have not yet completed their task. The Associational Boards of Promotion, under the direction of the chairman and with the assistance of pastors and laymen, co-operate with pastors and churches where a little help may mean much toward a successful outcome.

This opens up a wide field of usefulness for the Promotion Boards within the Associations. Their opportunity is coming now and will continue to come in ever enlarging scope. The pastors and churches within the associations need to get together more frequently than is allowed by a mere attendance upon an annual meeting of a given association. This will mean a united co-operation work in the interest of our Baptist work within the fields of our endeavor.

Any help that can be furnished in any way in co-operation with the Associational Boards will be gladly given by the State Promotion Board.

The character of the men and women composing the Association Promotion Boards in Illinois give promise of excellent returns.

Shurtleff College

A Million Dollar Plant

January 1, 1919—Old Endowment	\$182,883.05
New Endowment, included in the One Hundred Million Campaign	500,000.00
Total	\$682,883.05
January 1, 1919—Buildings and Grounds	105,223.44
New Buildings and Equipment in the One Hundred Million Campaign	225,000.00
Total	\$330,223.44
Grand Total—Endowment and Plant.....	\$1,013,106.49

Have you made your contribution to Shurtleff College?

Illinois Baptists should remember that any gifts made to Shurtleff College will count on their church allotments in the National Financial Campaign.

If it will clarify the matter and help in the work, gifts may be sent direct to Shurtleff College and the college will certify the amount to the General Board of Promotion.

Information will be gladly given.

GEORGE M. POTTER, *President.*

MYRON W. HAYNES, *Endowment Sec'y.*

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The Inter-Church Organization

This organization seems to have grown out of our experience in war work a few years ago. When it was brought before the Baptists of the North there was quite a divided sentiment, but the majority seemed to approve the plan. Yet so cautious were they that strong resolutions were passed at Denver guarding every Baptist principle and voted by the Convention that unless these were adopted by the Inter-Church the Baptists would stay out. They were so strong that some of us thought they would be rejected, but the Inter-Church people complied with them and the Baptists went in. All denominations, North and South, did this except the Baptists of the South. It was not long, however, until it began to appear that a mistake had been made. The Inter-Church was not an organization that had any financial standing. They could not borrow money except as the denominations underwrote or in other words, went their security. They held out the strong assurance that they would raise from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 and could pay all their expenses and have millions to turn over to the denominations. There can be no denying the fact that they spent money freely. Some good was done.

The surveys they made are invaluable to all Christian people but there was much mismanagement. Almost any organization that has no body to control it, with a free hand with other people's money, will do unwise things. When it came to the end of the year, the Inter-Church organization had become so unpopular that it had raised only \$3,000,000 and had expended from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000. The Baptists had underwritten \$2,500,000 of this.

The Promotion Board after long and careful consideration voted to recommend to the Convention to withdraw from the Inter-Church Movement June 30th, and to pay up all obligations so far made.

The Baptists cannot afford to be dishonest if they do make financial mistakes. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was greatly in favor of the Inter-Church Movement and gave \$1,000,000 toward its expenses and he gave \$1,000,000 on the Baptists' \$100,000,000 drive. Yet he saw the mistakes made and was willing and anxious to close up. It may be said for Western Baptists, that one man in the East is willing that \$1,000,000 of his contribution go toward paying the \$2,500,000 that the Baptists will have to pay and one Eastern

organization that subscribed \$600,000 is willing for that to go in the same way, so that the Baptists at large will have to pay but a very small percentage on account of the Inter-Church organization. Drawing out from the Inter-Church does not mean that the Baptists will have nothing to do with other denominations. The Baptists were heartily co-operating with other denominations in various ways before the Inter-Church Movement was thought of and similar work will be continued. One of the causes of the failure of the Inter-Church Movement for the past year, was some of the foolish unwise sayings of certain workers entirely contrary to the agreements with the Inter-Church people. Some of them talked as though the Inter-Church was practically a union of denominations and of course the Baptists would not stand for that. But now this embarrassing situation is out of the way and there is no good reason why every Baptist church in the state affiliated with the Northern Baptists should not fall in line and make a thorough canvass before November 21st. It matters not whether the whole apportionment can be raised or not. For the sake of the church it should fall in line and try to get a four years subscription from every member of the church. The happy and hopeful churches in Illinois today are those that made a thorough canvass of their members and got the membership in the spirit of the times in which we are living.

AN ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION

An impression prevails among some Baptists that the action of the Northern Baptist Convention withdrawing itself from the Inter-church World Movement releases them from further payment of pledges made to the New World Move-

ment of our denomination. A glance at our pledge cards is sufficient to prove that this is a mistaken idea. The Inter-church World Movement is not once mentioned on those cards. The Inter-church World Movement and the New World Movement of Northern Baptists are not synonymous though the latter two words in the titles are the same. We would have had a New World Movement had the Inter-church Movement not been in existence. We made pledges towards our own work, to carry forth our teachings. The only difference between our benevolent giving this year and former years is, that we pledged ourselves to a larger denominational program and for a longer time. We are undertaking greater things because the need of the world is greater. Let no reader of the Bulletin be confused upon this question, but enlist himself and his money in larger measure towards Baptist propaganda. We must not fail our Christ in this crucial hour of history.—D. O. Hopkins.

The following interesting letter comes from a pastor in the Alton Association:
Dear Brother:

It may be of interest to the Bulletin to know that the Fidelity and Troy churches sent me as their delegate to the Buffalo Convention, paying my expenses. Both of these churches are progressing. Fidelity plans to put in a basement and paint and re-decorate this year. Troy is also going to paint and re-decorate the interior of the church building. There have been six baptisms at Fidelity the past year, and two are awaiting baptism at Troy at present. May we be remembered in the prayers of all the churches for God's people even as we hope to remember all.

Sincerely yours,

Orlo Brees.

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LET everybody remember that any
and all money collected in on the
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the money is to be used if it is for any
particular object.

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nated for any particular thing will go into
the general fund and be divided among
all the Societies and Organizations in-
cluded within the Survey such as Home
and Foreign Missions, Women's Work,
Education, City Missions, State Missions
and other things.

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SINCE the Inter-Church misunder-
standing is now out of the way and
the Baptists of the North seem to be
more heartily agreed and united than

ever before upon the great denomina-
tional work of the world and since we
are living in the greatest world crisis in
all history and are having the greatest op-
portunity for evangelizing the world that
we have ever had, let everybody work to-
gether heartily and enthusiastically for
denominational work.

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WHILE some mistakes were made in
organizing and carrying out the
great \$100,000,000 Campaign yet
all people who have given a careful and
impartial study are agreed that it is do-
ing larger and better things than the de-
nomination has ever attempted before
and the outlook for the future of our de-
nominational work was never so bright
as now.

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DR. Myron W. Haynes, financial
agent of Shurtleff College, closed
up his work with that institution at Com-
mencement time early in June. He
worked only eighteen months, but in that
time he raised \$317,000, and the entire
expense for everything was less than
\$12,000. Shurtleff College now has an
Endowment of invested funds and sub-
scriptions bearing six per cent interest
of a little over \$500,000. This is a great
advance during the seven years of Presi-
dent Potter's administration.

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THE purchase of new grounds and
buildings makes it appear almost
like another institution. We have now
twenty-three acres of ground in the
heart of Upper Alton which in the future
can be used for buildings and campus.
Upon the ground there are at present ten
dwelling houses, four of them large, three
of these buildings are used for ladies'
dormitories.

PENSIONING MINISTERS

I am exceedingly desirous of obtaining the names and addresses of the Presidents of the Boards of Trustees (or of a leading member) in the Illinois Baptist churches. The Benefit Board in working out its new plan for pensions is exceedingly desirous of obtaining the co-operation of the churches. In justice to our ministers the annual church budget should contain an item covering not only the salary of the pastor but also providing for the pension of the pastor of that church. I appreciate keenly the fact that our ministers are in no condition to agitate the matter or even request this action to be taken. Our Board, however, is eager to undertake this task and if names and addresses as I have requested can be sent me the work will be very much facilitated and we shall deeply appreciate the courtesy and kindness of those who help us.

Cordially,

E. T. Tomlinson,

Executive Secretary.

276 Fifth Ave., New York.

The Fundamentals Conference at the Northern Baptist Convention, was an overwhelming success. Its projectors at first thought that they might get 250 or 300 men together. Their faith grew, and they decided that maybe enough people would assemble to fill the auditorium of the First church. Then it was decided to go to Delaware avenue church, with its more spacious auditorium. At the opening session of the Conference every seat was filled, hundreds stood, and many were turned away. So it continued until on Tuesday evening the Conference was removed to the Convention auditorium, where fully 3,000 people assembled.

THE NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION AND PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS AT BUFFALO, N. Y.

Evangelistic Conferences were held Sunday and Monday, June 20-21 at the First Baptist Church. They were under the management of the Superintendent of Evangelism, Dr. Stilwell of Cleveland, Ohio. This meeting was well attended and very profitable. There was a meeting of the State Secretaries and Promotion Board Secretaries on Saturday, but the Editor of the Bulletin could not attend. The General Promotion Board held three meetings of about three hours each. One of the principle points of discussion was the Inter-Church Movement. After at least three hours of discussion it was voted almost unanimously to recommend to the Convention that it withdraw or cease to co-operate with the Inter-Church after June 30th, but voted also to pay up the last dollar of our share of expenditures promised, which is \$2,500,000. Aside from this Inter-Church discussion, all the action of the Board was practically unanimous and a good and hopeful feeling prevailed. The attendance of the General Board meeting was very good.

The especially called meeting on "Baptist Fundamentals" was something new. This meeting was held in the Delaware Ave. Baptist Church. It was held Monday night and Tuesday. The crowd was very large. The church was overpacked on Monday night and Tuesday night it met in the great auditorium. There was probably 3,000 people there Tuesday night. The subjects discussed were nearly all vital Baptist principles and they were discussed with no uncertain sound. The writer heard four of these addresses and parts of two others. Those which he heard were by

Dr. Fred Anderson of Newton Theological Institute, Dr. T. J. Villers of Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Courtland Myers of Tremont Temple, Boston, and Dr. B. F. Riley of Minneapolis, and Dr. J. H. Brougher of Los Angeles in part. The addresses were on the whole very strong and very fine. Courtland Myers was unnecessarily severe in some of his statements, his criticisms of some people were severe, but his talk was along the line of fundamental truth. There is much interest in this meeting on "Baptist Fundamentals," but it is too early yet to know the outcome. Some resolutions were passed, asking the Convention to do certain things, to which we will refer later.

The Convention proper assembled on Wednesday morning, June 23d. There was the largest attendance in the history of the Convention. On the first day more than 3100 persons registered. The Committee had provided only 2500 badges so that about 1000 extra ones had to be ordered. The Convention hall was not a good place for the Convention to meet. It was too large and almost all in one room. It was impossible for more than one-half the audience to hear most of the speakers well. A few men could be heard. The feature of greatest interest the first day was the introduction of a resolution on the part of the "Assembly on Baptist Fundamentals," for the Convention to appoint a committee of nine to investigate the religious condition of our Baptist Colleges, Theological Seminaries and all Baptist Schools within the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention and report next year. It was a long spicy debate and the Convention seemed almost equally divided; but by a substitute motion

and some changes and amendments, the matter was passed almost as first introduced and it passed practically unanimously. There was a very general good feeling when it was concluded. It seems to be general among Baptists that when there is an opportunity for free discussion and plenty of time for it they can come together.

The second day of the Convention was a busy one. The leading feature of that day was the first Annual report of the Board of Promotion, read by Dr. J. Y. Aitchison. It indicated that \$65,000,000 have been raised, but on account of about \$10,000,000 being deducted for special objects and the expenses of the Promotion Board and the expenses of the Inter-Church Movement only about \$50,000,000 can now be planned to be used for the next four years for work. It cuts down the work along all lines for this year, or rather not much advanced work can be undertaken this year. The reader seemed very hopeful that the \$100,000,000 will all be raised during the next four years and much of it this year, but they can only plan to expend what we actually have subscribed. The two points in Dr. Aitchison's report that called out strong debates was the Inter-Church Movement and the Baptist paper.

The General Board of Promotion after the discussion of the Inter-Church for a full half day recommended the Convention that we pay our full obligations of \$2,500,000 on the expenses of the Inter-Church Movement and withdraw entirely from any associations with it after June 30th of this year. There was some strong opposition to withdrawing, led by Dr. Cornelius Woelfkin of New York City and Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery of Rochester, N. Y. But the mo-

tion to withdraw was carried by an overwhelming majority. It was practically unanimous when the vote was taken. Again the denomination seemed happy in getting rid of a very vexing problem and doing it without serious division.

The question of the wisdom of making an appropriation to subsidize a Baptist paper was discussed. Drs. Massee of New York and W. B. Riley of Minneapolis, spoke against the proposition of such a paper and others spoke in favor of it. Dr. Massee introduced a resolution that the Convention sell the paper to the highest bidder. A resolution was finally passed that the matter be submitted to a committee to report at this meeting before the session closed.

Thursday night was given to Foreign Missions. Addresses were given by Rev. J. C. Robins, Rev. W. L. Ferguson of South India, Miss Nellie G. Prescott, Mrs. Ida B. Elliott of Burma, Miss Mary Stone, M.D. of China, Rev. C. B. Tenny of Japan and Rev. J. H. Franklin, D.D., Foreign Mission Secretary.

On Friday the meetings were as largely attended as on previous days and the interest good and the audiences quiet, yet not more than one-half the audience at any time could hear the speakers distinctly. One of the most interesting reports of the day was the report of the Ministers' and Missionaries' organization. The society now has a permanent fund of \$6,000,000, \$3,000,000 of this sum was given by John D. Rockefeller, Sr. All worthy and needy aged and disabled pastors and missionaries are aided as well as widows and dependent children, about 700 in all. Plans are now being made to give pensions. Arrangements will be made for preachers of 30 years of age and upward to plan to go

on the pension list at the age of 65 years and 35 years of continuous work. This will also apply to preachers who work in Theological Seminaries and Baptist Colleges. Men who are now past 65 years of age and have given 35 years to the work and who stand well in character and work are entitled to it as soon as established some time this summer.

The afternoon, Friday, was given to eleven different conferences upon that many different topics such as "Efficiency of the Local Church," "Young People's Work," and other things.

At noon a serious accident occurred. It was announced and strongly urged that the Convention meet in the rear of the auditorium for a picture. Seats had been arranged. Five sections upon which 800 were seated fell and quite a sensation occurred, but good order was preserved. Twenty-one were injured sufficiently to be taken to hospitals. Seven of these had fractured bones, the remainder sprains and bruises. The city authorities claim that no permit had been asked for it, and the city did not know that such a structure had been erected. It was wholly the responsibility of the photographers. The night session was given to discussion and a stereopticon lecture.

On Friday the Convention passed a very important resolution. There has been within the past year a great deal of foolish agitation. Making an effort to create trouble between this country and Great Britain. There are not a great many Irish in this country and most of those who are here are splendid American citizens, but they are mostly great politicians and most of them are strong Catholics. Some American senators and congressmen have been active to create trouble with Great Britain on account of

Ireland. The Convention unanimously passed a resolution stating that we would resist any country by a unanimous vote if it should attempt in any way to meddle with the internal affairs of this country and we as Baptists, resist the effort to create trouble with Great Britain by meddling with her national affairs. It was also voted to send by cable the message to Honorable David Lloyd George, the Premier of Great Britain.

On Saturday many missionaries were introduced. Formerly and not many years ago, the missionaries were introduced and each one made a short address, but this year they were introduced one by one, just giving the name and one or two from each group would speak. In one or two sections the whole group was introduced without naming them.

The last report of the Enrollment Committee was 3,800 enrolled.

Saturday evening the Brotherhood and the women had each a separate banquet and then all met together for a social time. The writer attended the men's banquet, but had to leave before the speaking and could not attend the social gathering on account of a meeting of the State Secretaries which continued until eleven o'clock at night.

Pastor Hanley, ex-president of Franklin College, preached the Annual Sermon at the auditorium. The Editor and his wife went to the Presbyterian Westminster church to hear Dr. Carter Helm Jones of Philadelphia, preach in the morning, and to the Delaware Ave. Baptist church to hear Dr. Brouger of Los Angeles, Cal., preach at night. They were both fine sermons. The attendance at the meetings keeps up remarkably well. The attendance from Illinois is very large.

Rev. J. D. Crumley, pastor at Plain-

field, was injured in the crash that took place when a photograph was about to be taken, but not seriously. An ankle and shoulder were sprained so that he suffered considerably.

The place for the next meeting has been decided. The Convention voted unanimously to go next year to Winona Lake, Indiana. It is reported that the Convention can be well taken care of there, and it is a central location for the whole country.

Monday was given up largely to business. One important item, the election of officers. Some very strong addresses on the economics as well as the spiritual conditions of many foreign countries were made. The Women's Foreign Mission Society introduced their missionaries and a few of them gave short addresses. The Foreign Mission Society is sending out this year fifty-eight new missionaries and the Women's Foreign Mission Society thirty-nine, making in all to the foreign field this year ninety-seven new missionaries in one year. That is a wonderful advancement over other years, and it begins to look as though the pagan world will soon have an opportunity to hear the gospel. The attendance is holding up fine. There must have been 3000 present until ten o'clock Monday night. Drs. Aitchison Heath and Padelford gave a dinner Monday evening to the State Convention Secretaries, the State Convention Promotion Directors from states where they have them and Superintendents of City Missions, about fifty-five in all. A conference of several hours was held after the luncheon discussing the great Onward Movement and the relation of the work to the states and cities. Also how to secure the \$35,000,000 yet back. There seems to be a general feeling that we will

secure the \$100,000,000 before the end of four years, although only \$65,000,000 have been reported at this time.

The interest and attendance held up splendidly until the closing hour of the Convention late Tuesday night. The Committee on the Baptist reported to continue the Baptist as last year with a committee to make further investigation and report next year. Dr. L. A. Crandall, the Editor, has been seriously ill for some time and was not at the Convention.

Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery was injured by an automobile the latter part of the meeting and was taken to her home in Rochester, New York.

The general feeling in the Convention was that it was on the whole the greatest meeting the Northern Baptists have ever held. The attendance was exceedingly large. Full liberty was given for everybody to express his opinion and almost all matters were passed practically unanimously by the Convention.

Attorney Shull of Iowa, was an extraordinary president. From every standpoint he handled the Convention well. Attorney Ernest L. Tustn, L.L. D., of Philadelphia, was elected president for the coming year and Dr. Massee of New York, first vice-president. Dr. E. T. Mullins, president of the Louisville, Kentucky Seminary, was one of the speakers the last night of the meetings. The Banner was given to Rev. H. Q. Morton, superintendent, of Arizona, the first state to go over the top on the \$100,000,000 drive. Brother Morton is an Illinois boy, a graduate of Shurtleff College, and was ordained at Danvers. North Dakota was the second state to complete its budget on the great campaign. Its superintendent was introduced.

BAPTIST GROWTH

We often hear persons contending that the world is growing worse and that the Baptists are making no impression upon this country nor the world. Some of these pessimists actually think that the Baptists are not nearly holding their own. Notice the following facts: In 1796, one hundred and twenty-six years ago, there was one Baptist to every ninety-four of the population. In 1840, forty-six years later, there was one Baptist to every thirty of the population in America. Fifty years later in 1890, there was one Baptist to every twenty-one. In 1900, one to every nineteen and in 1920 there is one Baptist to every fifteen of the population. These statements are true notwithstanding the fact that for the last one hundred years very much of the increase in our population is by immigration and almost no Baptists immigrate to America. The immigrants are mostly Catholics and Lutherans, and yet our increase has been far greater than the increase in population and Baptist principals have grown more rapidly than Baptist numbers. Many of the things the Baptists stood for alone two hundred years ago are now accepted by nearly all Christian bodies. Congregationalists drove Baptists out of Massachusetts and Episcopalians whipped and imprisoned Baptists in Virginia, and now both denominations teach the same doctrines of liberty of conscience for which they persecuted the Baptists.

CHURCHES

On the evening of the 29th of June, the Immanuel Baptist church in Chicago gave a reception to its pastor, Dr. Johnston Myers and his wife, celebrating the beginning of his pastorate twenty-five

years ago. During that time, practically all the churches in that section of the city have gone out of existence, but the Immanuel church is yet doing good work.

The new Sonington church is reorganizing its various departments. The church is making progress. As evidence of the progress and on their own initiative the church increased the pastor's salary \$500, making a salary of \$2,000 and parsonage beginning June 1st. The pastor, Rev. Victor N. Witter, is attending the Northern Baptist Convention, also Dr. W. T. Bridges.

A member of the DeKalb church writes: "Rev. W. R. Yard has been with us three years and at the end of each year the church has increased his salary. This year they voted to make an increase of \$700 per year. The work is in splendid condition and we have the largest Sunday School in our history."

The First Baptist church in Decatur is now holding a Sunday evening service on the church steps. They meet at 7:30. They have quartette and other singing and Dr. T. Harly Marsh, the pastor, gives a short talk before the regular services in the church. This meeting house is located at a great center of downtown and people in large numbers who do not go to church hear the Gospel by this plan.

The Moline church of which Rev. Roy Babcock is pastor, raised their apportionment of \$40,000 on the \$100,000,000 drive and then increased the pastor's salary \$500.00.

The Edgewood church in Rock Island of which Rev. W. H. F. Jones is pastor, is contemplating erecting a new building in a more desirable location. His church sent him to the Buffalo Convention.

The East Moline church has granted Pastor Henry L. Duff leave of absence for three months in order to visit rela-

tives and friends in the northern part of Ireland.

Rev. Mrs. Critchett, pastor of the Watertown church, is reported to be doing good work and is well liked by the people.

Rev. L. V. Edwards has been pastor at Mahomet since April 25th. He has preached the annual sermon for the high school and Memorial sermon. His congregations are fine and he is much encouraged in the work at Mahomet.

MISSIONARIES OF STATE CONVENTION

The work at Rochelle seems very hopeful. This was one of our Mission churches that raised more than its apportionment. Rev. H. B. Stevens, the pastor, was very enthusiastic in the \$100,000,000 drive. They are now planning for a six weeks' Summer Bible School.

The Erie church of which Rev. A. C. Lillie is our missionary pastor, has started to build a new meeting house. Their meeting house burned down last winter and they are now using a store-room for services. The pastor seems enthusiastic and hopeful.

Rev. Frank Metcalf is our missionary pastor of the Bradford church. He recently raised about \$1,000 to repair the meeting house. They have painted the inside, put in nine new windows and re-roofed the building. The reopening of the church will take place July 18th.

The Elvaston church of which Rev. J. T. Finnan is our missionary pastor, is talking of repairing the church building and parsonage the coming fall to the extent of \$4,000. During the one year pastorate of Brother Finnan there have been fifteen additions to the church.

Missionary A. J. Rendleman of East St. Louis writes: "Last December the

record of attendance at the Sunday School was seventy-two. The average attendance for this quarter is one hundred and ten. Attendance at church average about the same increase.

Rev. Martin S. Bryant, our missionary pastor at the State University, says concerning last year: "In many respects it was really a good year. I baptized eight students and one faculty man and had six decisions for the ministry and missions service, and last week thirteen of our men attended the Lake Geneva Students' Conference and six of the young ladies will attend the one in August."

The Wood River church, of which Rev. C. W. Webb is pastor, is pushing on in the work. The pastor has organized a mission in South Wood River and the outlook is hopeful for that field. The pastor says, "I have just written this week for six more letters and have a number of others who will come by letter. I have some others waiting baptism and will be baptized soon."

District Superintendent Dent has been doing considerable work in the Rock Island Association.

District Superintendent Hopkins has been working lately in the Salem Association.

District Superintendent Yule is now working in the Springfield Association.

District Superintendent Little has been working in the Wabash Valley Association.

Enon church in the Rock Island Association, enjoyed the services of Rev. J. C. Dent from Wednesday evening, June 2d, until Sunday morning, June 6th. There was quite a bit of interest manifested. He raised pledges to the amount of \$500 for work on that field in connection with Aledo. Brother Dent ex-

pects to go back to Enon soon and hold a meeting for them.

Rev. George H. Yule spent about two weeks with the Chenoa church. This church has been in a rather weakened condition for several years and last winter called Rev. Ernest Cox for one-half time. The result of Brother Yule's meeting was ten conversions. Nine expected to come into the church. The apportionment on the great Campaign was \$6,331.00 and he raised \$6,451.40. They paid one-half of the pastor's expense to Buffalo and donated \$75.00 to the work of Brother Yule. Let some of the churches that voted to not make any effort on the \$100,000,000 drive think of this splendid work at Chenoa.

The Watchman-Examiner in its issue of June 17th, publishes an editorial from which the following quotation is taken:

"The past year has been one of the most eventful in the whole history of our denominational life. It has been a year of reorganization and experimentation but at the same time a year of progress and large achievement. Our chosen leaders have been faithful to every trust and diligent in the performance of every duty. They are not to blame for mistaken policies adopted at the Denver Convention, policies which have stood in the way of greater progress and larger achievement.

We have set new standards of giving. The grand total of our pledges is far short of the \$100,000,000 sought, but far beyond anything of which we have hitherto dreamed. We confidently expect that the campaign work of the next four years will enable us to reach the \$100,000,000 goal. If the churches that have not given will fall into line victory is certain."

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. J. E. Corwin, recently pastor at Collinsville, has accepted a call to the Flora church. That church has been pastorless for almost a year. It is a good field and they seem willing to undertake large things. Brother Corwin and his wife are energetic church workers.

Rev. Chas. H. Davies closed his pastorate of several years at Marissa and has located at Canby, Minn. The Marissa church writes that they are now anxious to locate a pastor.

Rev. Floyd N. Darling resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Champaign to accept a pastorate in Binghamton, New York. A member of the Champaign church says, "Rev. Mr. Darling is a conscientious worker as well as a man of fine spirituality and brotherly love. He has the most cordial feelings of the Champaign church."

Rev. P. H. Blunt has resigned the pastorate of the Havana church to take effect August 29th.

MINUTE MEN AND WOMEN

Dr. Hugh A. Heath of New York, writes that the Minute Men and Women have been so efficient and helpful that it is desirable to retain them in all churches. They will be of great help in evangelistic and other work. Rev. Henry E. Hodge, 276 Fifth Ave., New York, will have charge of this branch of work.

WEDDINGS

Miss Winifred Morris, daughter of Rev. W. B. Morris of Winchester, and Paul V. Hoover, son of Rev. H. A. Hoover, of Ashland, were married at Winchester, June 8th. It was a very pretty church wedding. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. B. Morris, father of the bride, assisted by Rev. H. A. Hoover, father of the groom.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND OUR ASSOCIATIONS

More and more our Associations are becoming important units in our denominational life and organization. The larger gatherings are absolutely necessary, but the Association meeting is a vital link in the chain and it is here, in a reasonably small and workable field, that pastors and people ought to receive help to solve their local problems. The larger gatherings do not spend time to meet the needs of the schools, societies and other religious educational organizations in the smaller and weaker churches, yet here we often have the hardest problems and here it is where help is most sorely needed.

A survey as shown at Buffalo shows that 75% of our Illinois schools have an enrollment of less than 150 and if we were to eliminate Chicago the percentage would be about 83 to 85. The survey also showed that 60% of our Sunday schools have less than 100 enrolled.

In view of these facts it becomes more imperative than ever that we spend a fair share of the time of the Association meeting in helping workers meet the problems in their own fields. The writer has heard, in more than one section, that we need more conferences to encourage and inspire pastors and church leaders than that we need annual, doctrinal and concluding sermons. A suggestive program for a religious education session of an Association has been sent to all moderators of the Associations which convene in August, September and October. It is sincerely hoped that the program committee will plan the program of the Association so as to give as much time as possible to this important phase of our common task. The committee should adapt the suggestive program to

meet their own needs and feel free to call upon the various members of the state department of religious education to help them put across the program. Superintendents of schools and presidents of societies ought to plan to attend the meeting of their Association and count it necessary if they would be in touch with the leaders of the denomination in their field of work. The state workers are always pleased to hold conferences with those who hold responsible positions in the local church. Now that the emphasis more and more will be placed upon the giving of life (for we have given our money) our Associational meetings this fall ought to be power houses to all who are engaged in the great task of helping other lives to become more Christ like.

NOTES

Illinois won the attendance banner at the Toronto Convention.

The outlook (at this writing) for the Summer Assembly is fine.

If you have recently organized a training class using the new standard course and you think the class is not registered, kindly send word to the state director.

Talks to Sunday School Teachers, by Weigel, is a splendid book. Get a copy, digest it and you will be a better teacher.

"Two hundred eighty-eight midshipmen on their graduation from the Naval Academy at Annapolis were presented with Bibles by The American Seamen's Friend Society, of 76 Wall street, New York, which maintains port homes for sailors in many parts of the world. Dr. George Sidney Webster, secretary of the Society, made the presentation in Bancroft Hall, which was the forty-eighth observance of this custom. The midshipmen who comprised the graduates this month were the first half of the class of 1921. Of the 288 graduates, 242 were presented with Protestant Bible, forty-two with the Roman Catholic version and four with the Hebrew version."

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

The first of July finds our family somewhat reduced in numbers. A number of both boys and girls having gone with friends for short vacations. Many applications are coming in to fill the vacancies made by those who have gone with expectation of not returning.

The Boys' caretaker and one of our small boys are in Buffalo enjoying three weeks' rest from duty.

The Superintendent has been in attendance at the Northern Baptist Convention and will attend the B. Y. P. U. Convention in Toronto.

A bright baby boy is here six weeks old waiting to make some home busy and happy. At present he is demanding a good deal of the matron's time, but the time and effort will be well spent.

The garden has yielded lettuce, radishes and onions, these will soon be followed by other vegetables which are much enjoyed by everybody.

All the youth are looking forward to Independence Day celebrated this year July 5th. Maywood is putting forth every effort to have a sane Fourth and yet have a celebration which will be creditable and enjoyable. We hope the weather man will smile upon us and send a fine day.

We are very grateful to our friends in the Sunday Schools who have so kindly put forth a special effort to co-operate with us in the work for the children by taking an offering for the Home on Children's Day or some other time better suited to their circumstances during June or July. Every dollar will help and will be appreciated.

THE BIBLE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

There has been a strong effort made in Illinois by the Inter-denominational Committee on "The Bible in the Public Schools of Illinois," to get some action on the part of the Constitutional Convention now being held in Springfield. About one week ago a resolution was passed by a vote of 48 to 18 upon the following proposition. "The reading from any version of the Old and New Testaments without comment in the Public Schools shall never be held to be in violation of this constitution." It will be remembered that a few years ago that the Courts in Illinois decided that it was unconstitutional to read the Bible in the Public Schools. This act on the part of the Constitutional Convention does not require the reading of the Bible in the schools, but if any district or school or section of the state decide to have the Bible read it will not be in violation of the Constitution. This act that was passed by a majority of 48 to 18 was the first reading. There must be two more readings that will come November and December, but the large majority in the first reading indicates that the law or something similar to it will be passed.

Rev. J. H. Bagwill has closed his pastorate at Carterville, Illinois. For two weeks he has been assisting Rev. J. W. McKenney of Marion, in a meeting. At the present time seventy persons have made a profession of faith, thirty-seven have been added to the church, thirty-five by baptism. Brother Bagwill has been appointed chaplain of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester and will report for duty in about one week. He stated that he has not sought this appointment and it came as a surprise, but

he is in a position of accepting this position and will enter upon the work there.

Dr. Samuel J. Skevington, pastor of the Beldon Ave. Baptist church, Chicago, has accepted a hearty and unanimous call to the Baptist church of the Holly Wood, Los Angeles. It is with deep regrets by the people of Chicago and the state of Illinois that Dr. Skevington should leave us at this time. His life and work in Illinois have been very helpful to the denomination, both in Chicago and in the state.

"Just a year ago, following his long illness that resulted in his resigning the pastorate of the Englewood church, Chicago, which he had served with large success, Dr. Smith Thomas Ford accepted the call of the First church, Wheaton, Illinois, a beautiful suburb of Chicago. It was hoped that the less strenuous life and delightful surroundings would restore his health. This hope has been fully realized. and Dr. Ford is entering upon his new pastorate with the energy and force that has always marked his leadership. The church is crowded, and great evening audiences show that attractive methods and a virile gospel message are still capable of awakening a large response. As an indication of their approval and affection for the pastor the church has purchased a fine parsonage, which means a generous increase in salary in these times when renting is almost prohibitive. Mrs. Ford, with her charming personality and leadership, has made a deep impression on the young life of the city, and especially on the college life of both young men and women who throng the church."

THE TRUTH WILL WIN

These (Baptist) principles of ours have stood the test of time, they are essential to the progress of our religion, they come from the very core of the gospel, they are already largely victorious, they are bound to win, for they are, we believe, the truth. They are therefore sure to be enshrined in the Christian church of the New Age through our agency or that of others.

"There are 9,000 Japanese students learning English in the Young Men's Christian Association English schools in Japan. The Tokyo Association, with accommodations for 350, has had 120 in educational classes."

DEATHS

Mrs. Phylinda J. Allison of Alpha, died June 9th, at the age of sixty-one years and eight months. She had been a member of the Alpha Baptist church forty-three years.

Mount Omei, the sacred Buddhist mountain of West China, overlooks our Baptist mission station at Kiatingfu.

Infanticide is common in China, and goes uncondemned by social or legal justice.

In the southern part of Szechuan bordering on Tibet live many aboriginal tribes, who dwell apart in the mountain fastnesses.

Forty-one thousand Chinese women and girls are studying in mission schools. Only 13,000 are taught in government schools.

The five Baptist stations in West China aim to reach six and a half of the sixty millions in the province.

District Superintendent James B. Little of Alton, returned from the Northern Baptist Convention quite sick and seems to continue so at this writing. We hope that he will recover quite soon.

"Japan has a population of more than 60,000,000 in a territory smaller than the state of California, and the increase is 700,000 a year. More than half of the nation is agricultural. The average size of a farm is two-thirds of an acre.

"The total population of the Philippine Islands is estimated at 10,350,640, of whom 9,495,272 are nominally Christians, and 855,368 are non-Christians. Classified by nationalities 9,429,857 are Filipinos. 45,156 are Chinese, 6,684 Japanese, 6,405 Americans, 4,015 Spanish, 1,063 English, and 2,092 of other nations. Two million natives speak English fluently, and there are 700,000 English-speaking children in the public schools."

CHURCHES

The Morrison church of which Rev. C. W. Swift is pastor, is doing encouraging work. Recently three have been added to the church membership. The Sunday school is doing well and moving forward in all lines of work. The prayer meetings are well attended and helpful. The meeting house has recently been painted and otherwise improved. The Children's Day was greatly enjoyed.

The Littleton church of which Rev. J. Livingston Duff is pastor, seems to be doing good work. The pastor is well pleased with the outlook. He is doing considerable work among the Union Baptist people in a small church of that denomination not very far from Littleton.

"Billy Sunday is now in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where the campaign is being heartily supported by all the evangelical churches, and promises to be successful. The meetings are held in a tabernacle that seats 9,000 persons. This is the last campaign Mr. Sunday will undertake until autumn."

"According to the last religious census the gain per cent of the Protestants was more than twice the gain per cent of the Roman Catholics. But we may feel less complacent over this fact when we learn that the Mormons increased faster than any other important religious organization in the country."

The West China Mission, opened in 1889, is the most recent of our Baptist China Missions.

The plains of Szechuan are fertile and well-watered by rivers. They could under proper conditions support a much larger population than they do at present.

Copper, gold, iron and coal abound in the mountains of southern and western Szechuan. They have always been mined a little by the Chinese, but their richest resources have not been gauged, much less developed.

In some sections the women of China are little better than slaves in the household and can be sold at will. They are not supposed to appear on the streets or in public gatherings.

RALLIES AND INSTITUTES

At the splendid B. Y. P. U. Rally of the Ottawa Association, at Ottawa last month, three societies reported standard. This organization heads the list as there were only five standard societies (outside Chicago Association) in the state. The LaMoille church reported fifty-four titheers, most of these in the B. Y. P. U. The young woman who led the Princeton group as cheer leader was some "cheerer."

Instead of rallies, as formerly, the department of religious education of the Peoria Association, put on a two day institute at Monmouth at which seven churches were represented and eighty-one delegates registered. There were ten periods of lectures and addresses and six persons were given certificates for taking notes on all periods. A Life Service eLeague was organized with Miss Kathryn Sneath of Monmouth as president. The workers expressed themselves freely, saying that this kind of an institute was much more helpful than the rallies.

The young people of the churches of Rock River Association met at Freeport and organized an associational B. Y. P. U. with Miss Margaret Leininger, of Freeport as president. The Belvidere society won the prize of \$25 for sending largest delegation. The money is to be used to send delegate to Toronto. Several volunteers were secured at a special service conducted by Freeport pastor on Sunday morning. Emphasis was placed upon service by the "toastmasters" at the banquet. The practical side of young people's work was strongly emphasized in two addresses on Community Activities and B. Y. P. U. Objectives. The outlook in the Rock River Association is

more promising for the young people since this rally. L. H. Koehler.

"SOME REASONS WHY WE MUST NOT, CANNOT FAIL"

In missions, especially, we have been leaders. Carey, Judson, Clough, and Ashmore are names ever sacred on the roll of missionary heroes. And in the home field, Jonathan Going, John M. Peck, and Henry L. Morehouse are no less worthy of honor. Our Foreign and Home Mission Societies rank among the greatest in the world, and are ever advancing in methods and vision.

Except for the Methodists, who are some thousands in advance, the Baptists are the most numerous Protestant body in the country, having seven and a half million members and rapidly increasing. Our Northern Baptists, however, count only a million and a half, ranking fourth in the northern states.

On this account no small share of the total work has been assigned to us. We are practically responsible for Burma, Assam, Bengal-Orissa, and definite areas in South India, Japan, the Congo and the Philippines, besides having recent assignments to cultivate in Porto Rico, Cuba and Central America. Heavy tasks and responsibilities are ours and ours alone in our own beloved land. If we do not reap these fields, the harvest will perish. It is our work and no one else can do it.

All this puts us under the heaviest obligations in the great offensive in which we are about to engage. Our long and honorable history, our great leaders, our former victories, our large numbers, have given us the honor of a long and difficult sector on the battle-line. It is a large contract, but we must do our part for the sake of our past, for the sake of our allies, for our own honor, for the good of our beloved country, for the salvation of men and nations, and for the glory of Christ. Baptists were never slackers or cowards, and they are not today. **WE MUST NOT, WE CANNOT, WE WILL NOT FAIL.** God help us!"—Prof. F. L. Anderson.

"WHO WON WAR?—54,180 SMITHS!"

Washington, D. C. June 4.—There were enough Smiths in the American army, navy, and marine corps in the late war to make fifteen regiments of 3,600 men each or two divisions of 27,000 men each.

Here is the war department's census of leading surnames in the army:

Smith, 54,180; Johnson, 41,580; Brown, 29,960; Williams, 28,140; Jones, 25,720; Miller, 25,620; Davis, 21,245; Anderson, 20,546; Wilson, 17,080."

Shurtleff College

A Million Dollar Plant

January 1, 1919—Old Endowment	\$182,883.05
New Endowment, included in the One Hundred Million Campaign	500,000.00
Total	\$682,883.05
January 1, 1919—Buildings and Grounds	105,223.44
New Buildings and Equipment in the One Hundred Million Campaign	225,000.00
Total	\$330,223.44
Grand Total—Endowment and Plant.....	\$1,013,106.49

Have you made your contribution to Shurtleff College?

Illinois Baptists should remember that any gifts made to Shurtleff College will count on their church allotments in the National Financial Campaign.

If it will clarify the matter and help in the work, gifts may be sent direct to Shurtleff College and the college will certify the amount to the General Board of Promotion.

Information will be gladly given.

GEORGE M. POTTER, *President.*

MYRON W. HAYNES, *Endowment Sec'y.*

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Similar Conditions

Conditions in this country with reference to Baptist Missionary work are somewhat similar to what they were about ninety years ago, especially in Illinois. At that time there was the great anti-mission controversy. The time had come when the local churches, or local or State Associations could not do the missionary work that was pressing upon the denomination. So the great National Missionary Societies were organized. The center of the opposition to the Missionary Societies was in the Wabash Valley. At the time that John M. Peck was doing such a great work in the Mississippi Valley, Daniel S. Parker was opposing him in the Wabash Valley. Scarcely an association or church was organized in central or southern Illinois at that time without a fight on Missions. The Anti-Mission Baptists did not claim to be opposed to Missions, but opposed to those large societies and opposed to the new way of doing things so the denomination divided. So strong was the Anti-Mission side that as late as 1840 there were in Illinois twenty-eight Baptist Associations and fourteen of them were missionary and fourteen were anti-mission. The denomination was about equally divided at that time but

now there are about 175,000 Missionary Baptists and about 3,000 or 4,000 Anti-Mission Baptists.

Now the same thing seems to be developing again. The time came when there was such an opening up of the world and such a demand for Missionary and Educational work that the great societies could not do it. The Northern Baptist Convention was organized and later, the General Board of Promotion. Things were undertaken on a many times larger scale than ever before. Some mistakes were made as is always the case in great undertakings; but a marvelous success has been attained. But there are some pastors and some churches that refuse to co-operate with this great movement. The spirit of opposition seems to be very similar to that of ninety years ago. They do not seem to like the larger movement. It involves too much money. It is too centralized. It leads away from the democracy of the churches. Education is not of the right type. These are almost identical with the arguments of ninety years ago. But suppose these churches and pastors do not change their minds. What will be the result? Will they raise money for Missions and Education in proportion to the needs of

these times and in proportion to what they are able to give? If they do, how will they spend it? All our Missionary Societies are in co-operation with the General Board of Promotion and are being supported by it. All our Educational Institutions are co-operating and are being aided by this organization. All the State Conventions are heartily lined up in this work.

This new plan of work is pushing on to success. It cannot go back to the old way of doing things. It has made some changes and corrected some errors. It will do more of this as time goes on. This withdrawal from the Inter-Church Movement was one large change and that corrected much of the cause for lack of co-operation. It is not too late for every pastor and every church that has not fallen in line with the \$100,000,000 Movement to correct the error and make a faithful effort to raise its apportionment. Many churches were not able to raise the full amount but it was the privilege and duty of every church to make a thorough canvass and raise as large a sum as possible and work in line with the denomination in this great onward movement. There is great danger that the churches that hold back now will soon cease to be active strong churches. It seems ridiculous that two churches located near together in the same Association, one a strong church, the other a very much weaker church. The weaker church raised for Missions during the next four years anywhere from \$6,000 to \$10,000 and the strong church doing almost nothing and drifting along in the old ruts of twenty-five years ago. The church that is doing nothing or but little, in these times, will soon drift back, and cease to be aggressive. Now is the time for all our churches that did not make

the canvass to fall in line. Nov. 15-21 is the time set for the churches that did not make the canvass in May, whatever may have been the cause, to make an every-member canvass on the Forward Movement.

Assistance from the State Board of Promotion or from the National Board or from the State Convention, will be given to any church that asks for aid in making this canvass.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER BLANKS

There will be some difficulty this year in making out accurate Missionary reports from the churches to the Associations. Last year, until May 1st, we went along the old lines of raising money for various missionary objects according to the apportionments of each. Since May 1st most of our churches have fallen into the great Onward Movement and are sending money on the One Hundred Million Dollar Drive. No one blank would suit both parts of this year, so we have sent out our old form of blank for this year. Each church will have to make up its report as accurately as possible and next year we will arrange a new report blank suited to conditions as they are now and will be for some time to come. We hope that every one will understand the situation and see the impossibility of arranging a blank that would be suitable and harmonious for the two parts of this year. However, with most churches, perhaps three-fourths of those giving, two-thirds of the time was under the old plan.

"The British Minister of Education recently said that civilization had literally fallen to pieces in many parts of Europe. Reports have come in that cannibalism has been discovered in Armenia and Austria and other sections where food shortage is driving the people mad."

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THE Summer Assembly held at Shurtleff College, was quite successful. Nearly one hundred were registered and every one seemed to be greatly delighted with the success of the meeting. We hope next year to have more than twice as many as attended this year.

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READERS of the Bulletin are referred to the article by Rev. Herbert W. Hines of El Paso, upon the Summer Assembly at Shurtleff College. He gives an interesting account of that meeting and all are requested to read it.

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REV. A. E. Peterson, Director of our State Promotion Board, writes quite a number of articles for this number of the Bulletin, taking considerable space. While these articles are so important and up-to-date we are giving this large space this month. Let every one carefully read Peterson's articles.

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OUR Associational meetings will begin the latter part of August and continue through September into October. I believe that we are going to have fine Associational meetings this year and hope that there will be a large attendance. Very special attention should be given to the work of finishing up the

\$100,000,000 drive where churches have not fallen in line or where they only made a partial canvass of the membership.

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REV. George H. Yule spent ten days with the First Baptist Church in Joliet, helping them to make an every-member canvass for Current Expenses. Rev. D. O. Hopkins has been spending some time in the Quincy and Salem Associations. Evangelist Frank M. Dunk is supplying the church at Tuscola. Evangelist T. O. McMinn of Southern Illinois, will take a two weeks' vacation and then press on in his work.

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ANY church anywhere in the state that is needing assistance in the fall, either in evangelistic work or in putting on a campaign for Current Expenses or in bringing up the church on the \$100,000,000 drive should communicate with the Superintendent at once. We will accommodate as many fields as possible, but we need to know before hand where help is needed and what kind is desired.

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AT the meetings of the Associations is the time to talk up and work up subscriptions for the Bulletin. There is a greater need for this paper than ever before in the State. It has done a splendid work for the past dozen years but the Superintendent does not have time to make a canvass for new subscriptions. That is in the hands of the pastors and laymen all over the state. Let every pastor, in whose church there is not a large list for the Bulletin, see to it that a large number of subscribers are secured. Subscriptions of twenty or more names sent in at one time, twenty cents. Less than twenty names, twenty-five cents.

THE BIGGEST YET TO COME

News dispatches from New York carry the information that a conference was recently held, participated in by four or five of the leading evangelical denominations, at which plans were discussed for a nation-wide and comprehensive evangelistic effort beginning January first and continuing over Easter.

If there is any denomination pre-eminently qualified because of its faith to take an important place in such an effort it is the Baptist. And if there is any denomination that may well be expected for the same reason to be zealously active in such a program, it is the Baptist.

Belief in the necessity of personal regeneration is a foundation stone of our faith. Now, if this doctrine is accepted and if it is allowed to be something more than a dead letter, well directed, spirit controlled, efforts to make disciples must be the logical result. With a mad passion for amusement rampant in village and city alike, with a lowering moral standard throughout the country to such a degree that it has recently called forth expressions of alarm from some of our nation's leading educators, and with strife and chaos and suspicion in the industrial world, it is time that men are called, in tones of emphasis, back to God, as the only safe anchorage, or even our ship of state may hit the rocks.

Drives for money alone will not achieve this goal. Money has its place, and a very large place in God's program. But what shall it profit if we give only money? For a church to subscribe large sums of money to the New World Movement will not, of itself, compel those from the "highways and the hedges to come in." Nor will it enable the church

to look upon the multitude with the compassion of Christ.

Emergencies in the Kingdom enterprise have made large demands for money necessary and the response has been magnificent. We have gone after it with a tremendous effort and there is not a church so remote that it has not felt the push. The next big thing (and a bigger thing it is) must now receive attention.

P. S.: Let no one who has balked at the New World Movement take comfort in the above. Every church that has postponed the drive for one reason or another should get busy at the earliest possible moment to complete the effort and clear the way for what is to come. The person who has done his best to help achieve the Hundred Million can enter with a most joyful enthusiasm into this other. He can say, "I will show thee my faith by my works." And thank God for that large number who can say it!

A REASONABLE POSSIBLE GOAL

That goal is a hundred per cent co-operation in the New World Movement on the part of our churches in Illinois. This does not mean that every church can reach its allotment at the present time, but it does mean that every church can make a reasonable and worthy effort. Now that connections with the Inter-Church have been fully severed, this unfortunate relationship cannot be held up as a reason for failure to participate. Not a few churches and pastors were sincere in their opposition to the movement on account of the Inter-Church and will now show their sincerity by entering with enthusiasm into a simon pure denominational program.

Every Baptist church in the state and connected with our Convention, whether

large or small, with a pastor or without a pastor, lined up and its pledges reported by November 21st—this is the Goal! Surely every loyal Baptist will co-operate to the full in the attainment of such a desire.

PROMPT PAYMENT IMPORTANT

It is important because if the average contributor to church expenses and benefices, allows his pledges to lag unpaid he will find it exceedingly difficult to make up the arrears. This is the testimony of many, and every church treasurer can verify the statement. Therefore pay promptly.

It is important because the needs to be met and for which the money was pledged are constant and continuous. They do not vary according to the seasons, and are not affected by climatic conditions and least of all by individual moods or whims. The large and varied needs which we have been called upon to meet because we are the disciples of one who gave Himself, are prior claimants. Therefore pay promptly.

It is important and vastly important, because even now while ten thousand subscribers may fail to recognize this fact and a thousand church treasurers are not prompt in remitting each month to the State offices the amounts collected, our societies, through which the denomination functions in its missionary tasks, are obliged to pay large sums in interest on borrowed money to cover these unpaid pledges and unremitted funds. Therefore pay promptly. And for this reason, church treasurers should remit regularly and promptly.

It is important that all subscriptions be paid promptly and all money collected be remitted promptly because even for

the few days the money lies in the Chicago bank interest is paid on deposits over a certain sum. The last quarter this interest amounted to \$75.00, and will be larger in the future because larger sums will be collected. Any church treasurer that neglects to forward his money will reduce a sum which for Illinois each year as a clear gift to the denomination. Therefore, please remit promptly.

A HUNDRED PER CENT ASSOCIATION

That is an Association where every church co-operates in the New World Movement and will complete its Drive not later than the week of November 14-21. The Association Chairmen of Promotion are beginning to vie with each other as to which Association will be the first to meet this requirement. Beginning with September first, we will see much thorough follow-up work done and hear of many churches completing their canvasses.

- NEW STATE PROMOTION HEAD- QUARTERS

On account of a greatly increased rental demanded after May first, where the Promotion Board has had its office, it has been necessary to look about for other quarters. A very fortunate arrangement has been made with the Woman's Foreign Mission Society by which the State Promotion Board will take most of the space occupied by them in the Stevens' Building. This offers a superior location and at about the price paid heretofore. After September first the new address will be Room 1433, Stevens' Building, Chicago, Illinois.

A. E. Peterson,

Director State Board of Promotion.

MEETINGS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

Rock River Association meets at Sterling, June 1-2.

Chicago Association meets at Evanston, June 3-4.

Aurora Association meets at Morris, June 15.

Green-Jersey Association meets at Carrollton, August 25.

Rock Island Association meets at Bethel, August 31-Sept. 1-2.

Macoupin Co. Association meets at Palmyra, Sept. 1.

Shelby Association meets at Union Ch. Sept. 3.

Central Illinois Association meets at Mt. Zion Ch., Sept. 2-3.

Salem Association meets at Carthage, Sept. 7.

Bloomington Association meets at Mason City, Sept. 7-9.

Bloomfield Association meets at Arcola, Sept. 15-17.

Peoria Association meets at Canton, Sept. 15-17.

Quincy Association meets at Quincy, Sept. 21-22.

Wabash Valley Association meets at Hutsonville, Sept. 22.

Ottawa Association meets at LaSalle, Sept. 28-30.

Alton Association meets at Mt. Vernon, Sept. 30-Oct. 1.

Southern Illinois Association meets at Christopher, Sept. 30.

Springfield Association meets at Bois d' Arc, Oct. 6.

Morgan Scott Co. Association meets at Manchester, Oct. 6-7.

FAITH HEALING

The Editor attended a great Faith Healing meeting in July. A woman was holding meetings for the Pentecostal people in Alton, which continued for several

weeks. She was having special Faith Healing sessions. The Editor attended one of these meetings on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Although it was a hot week day afternoon and held in the Methodist church in Alton, the large meeting house was packed full. The side room, the gallery, the isles and the front entrance to the church were full. I got into the meeting house by going to a back door and standing up on the choir platform steps. The lady was a fine speaker. Her address was along the line of Faith Healing and seemed to be a good interpretation of scriptural passages. She also taught the doctrine of repentance of sin and faith in Christ as the only hope of salvation.

After speaking about thirty minutes she gave the invitation to come forward for all who desired to be healed. I remained about one hour and a half, and during that time there must have been from sixty to seventy people with all manner of infirmities who came forward. There seemed to be some indications of physical helpfulness. Some persons laid aside their crutches and walked up and down the aisles of the church, especially one boy and one young man. The young man who had walked on crutches since last September. The boy seemed to walk with difficulty and the young man seemed to walk quite well. One person, who was carried in on a cot and seemed to be in a very low condition, possibly with tuberculosis, was influenced to get up and walk across the platform and he walked out of the church. They ordered his cot carried out.

I did not notice any cases where there seemed to be any perfect healing, but some cases where there seemed to be some helpfulness. Among those who

came forward there were perhaps twenty or more of incurably afflicted people, that is people that were so afflicted that there was no possible remedy for them unless it were a miraculous divine healing. So far as I could see not one of these were helped in any way. While she seemed to make an effort in all cases by anointing with oil, praying and laying her hands upon them, yet it seemed to me she made less effort and spent less time with those apparently hopeless cases than others. Nearly all of that great audience seemed to be positive that she was performing miracles. We do not say that there was not some evidence of divine healing. It was evidently a very deeply spiritual and interesting meeting and those afflicted people who came forward seemed to receive a spiritual blessing whether they received any physical benefit or not. In most cases their faces seemed to show the real spirit of rejoicing. It was in some respects the most remarkable meeting I have ever attended.

I have given the facts as they have appeared to me without expressing my personal opinion upon the subject of Faith Healing.

The following quotation from the Baptist Times and Freeman of London shows pretty clearly what the English people think of Temperance in America, although they are making very slow progress in England toward destroying the liquor power and yet they are making some advancement:

PROHIBITION IN AMERICA

"It is clear that Prohibition in America has come to stay. Both at the Republican Convention at Chicago and at the Democratic Convention at San Francisco,

the most determined efforts were made by the liquor trade to commit one or both of the two great political parties to a reversal of the "dry" policy, but without success. At San Francisco, indeed, the defeat of the "Wets" was more severe than at Chicago. Possibly there may be some relaxation of the strictness of present prohibition, by the admission of some of the lighter alcoholic beverages, but the days of the saloon are gone, never to return.

The action of the two Conventions should stimulate us to greater activity in working for temperance reform in this country. Apart from any moral considerations, Prohibition will have such an effect on industrial efficiency in America that we shall be compelled, in self-defense, to follow her example. To quote the striking words of an American, we shall have to 'go dry or go under.'"

CHURCHES

The LaMoille church recently raised the salary of its pastor, Rev. A. A. Gordonier, \$300. This is the second raise in six months.

The Aiken Institute in the Old Second church building in Chicago is doing a great work. It is now working among a population of about 600,000 foreigners. Last year the Vacation Bible School, so far as it was known, was the largest in the world. The attendance was over 1200. The Institute works among twenty-six nationalities.

Rev. Edgar Ford, pastor at Hudson, recently baptized ten converts as the result of regular work on that field.

Rev. W. E. Mundell is supplying a church at Russelville, eight miles from Belvidere. The church pays \$600 for this kind of work.

Rev. A. C. Drummond, who has been pastor for quite a number of years of the Western Avenue Church in Chicago, is doing good work on that very difficult field. Besides carrying on the activities of the church during the summer months, he has conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School with a good attendance. Miss Grace Dent, daughter of one of our missionaries, was one of the teachers.

Rev. Wilfred Noble, pastor of the Logan Square church in Chicago, is doing splendid work and he and his wife are highly esteemed by the members. They have a good Sunday School and Junior Choir and the attendance at their Daily Vacation Bible School was from 125 to 150.

A letter has recently been received from the pastor of the First Church in Hoopeston which states that the new Mission building on the west side of town is now completed. Apart from the lots, which cost \$400.00, the building has cost the church \$2,800. About one-half of this has already been paid and the lots are all paid for. The building consists of a five-room modern tenement upstairs. The rent from this will help out considerably in paying the balance due on the building. Friday afternoon sessions are being held in the church. The object is "To make disciples."

"The El Paso church has been maintaining large, enthusiastic, and spiritual prayer meetings through the summer months. The men of the church take hold well; at some of the recent meetings there were actually more men in attendance than women."

Rev. W. H. Parker, pastor at Antioch, writes: "Dear Dr. Brand: I just wanted to thank you for lending us the

services of Brother Dent in a two-and-a-half weeks' meeting. Our people were greatly helped and strengthened by his splendid messages and wise counsel. All departments of the church have taken on new life and we feel like doing the larger tasks. It is putting it mildly to say that Brother Dent did us great good."

Rev. Claud Richmond, pastor of the Tiskilwa church, writes encouragingly concerning the work at that place. The B. Y. P. U. now has twenty-four members. On July 25th, forty-two were present. The meeting house has been repaired. The church has raised a budget of \$1,500 for Current Expenses for the year and during the first six months raised \$587.30 for Missions.

Rev. G. W. Chessman, pastor of the Ottawa church, writes concerning a nearby country field as follows: "I am preaching at Deer Park Sunday afternoons with the aim of rehabilitating this fine field. I feel that city churches have a duty to perform in giving attention to rural churches in contiguous territory. It will be a calamity for these churches to go to the wall. It seems very hard to find men willing and qualified to assume leadership as pastors of rural churches. The Deer Park church is beautifully situated and has a rich field for achieving splendid results. I trust there will be hopeful things to report in the near future."

Mrs. L. S. Briggs, clerk of the Old Stonington Church writes: "It is with a heart full of joy and thanks to God that I am able to inform you that the Old Stonington Church is putting on new life. There were fifty-one, and more came in later, at the Sunday school service last Sunday. Children's Day was observed with a crowded house and

fine program June 20th. On June 27th, Rev. R. G. Crawford preached morning and evening. The church has since extended him a call at \$1,400 and parsonage. He wired me that he had accepted the call."

The place of meeting of the Ottawa Association has been changed from Streator to LaSalle.

Rev. H. C. Leland, Ph.D., who has just closed his work at Divernon and located at Dixon, Illinois, writes as follows: "Brother Vule has been with us five days and accomplished a good service. I am glad also that I have been permitted the privilege of seeing so good an ingathering of those whom I have been expecting to see decide for Christ; for all but two or three of those who have come into the church, I have personally labored with and have had them on my prayer list for a couple of years. I generally read the Bulletin from cover to cover and I want to say that your editorials in the May number are as brief, yet complete and comprehensive and forceful puttings of the subject considered as I have seen. They ought to be put in tract form for general distribution. Your kind words and deeds of helpfulness during the past twenty-five years will remain a pleasant memory."

DEATHS

"Rev. Robert Wallace died in Berwyn at his home July 7th. The funeral was conducted by Judson B. Thomas on July 10. Mr. Wallace graduated from Colgate in 1875 and from the Theological Seminary in 1878. He went at once to Illinois and was ordained in Lanark in the fall of 1878. He held several pastorates in the state of his adoption and rendered a real service to the kingdom. He was esteemed highly by all his brethren in the ministry. Of Scotch-Irish blood he had positive convictions and was of tenacious courage, and yet was modest and retiring. He leaves a widow and three children."

"Robert Midkiff, younger son of Rev. J. J. Midkiff, one of the older ministers of central Illinois, was instantly killed in an aeroplane accident at Tulsa, Okla., on July 18. Robert became an officer in the air service during the war, and was counted one of the most popular and efficient officers in the service. He took part in a number of cross-country flights with noted success. Since leaving the army he has been interested in the commercial development of the aeroplane, and at the time of his death had just become manager of such a company. He was from boyhood a faithful member of the Baptist church, and a splendid Christian character. At the time of his death he was a member of the First Church of Decatur. The funeral service was held at his old home church in Stonington, the services being in charge of his pastor, Dr. T. H. Marsh, assisted by Rev. Mr. Witter of Stonington. The funeral service was the largest ever held in Stonington."

Mrs. Helen E. Finity, daughter of Rev. David Cary and wife of Dr. Peter Finity, died at her home at Kane, Illinois, June 15th, at the age of eighty-five years and eight months. She had been a very faithful member of the Kane church for many years.

PERSONAL

Evangelist J. M. Edmundson of Atwood starts his summer and fall engagements August 16th at Henderson, Missouri. This line of engagements last at least six weeks. He has some open dates which may be had by addressing him at Atwood, Illinois.

DEDICATIONS

Rev. D. J. Scott, D.D., became pastor of the St. Mary's church something more than a year and a half ago, and located in the parsonage at that place. He took in connection with it the Plymouth church and about six months ago he resigned the Plymouth church and took the Pethel church in connection with St. Marys. They have erected a fine new meeting house at St. Marys which is per-

haps the second best Baptist meeting house in the state entirely away from the railroad. It costs, including donated labor and hauling, not very far from \$15,000. It was dedicated July 25th. Fifteen hundred dollars was needed to pay off all indebtedness, but the church needed to put in a good cistern, pay off a \$200 piano debt and some other work so an effort was made to raise \$2,000. We succeeded in raising a little more than \$3,000. The Superintendent preached morning and afternoon and made the appeal for funds. Several other pastors were there and took part in the afternoon service. St. Marys has a parsonage and four acres of valuable land in connection with it. Dr. Scott keeps a fine Guernsey cow. Has a splendid calf which he will butcher for his winter meat, has ten hogs, 250 chickens and an abundance of all kinds of vegetables and a great deal of fruit. The house and ground is at least worth \$600 a year to him and his two churches pay him \$1,200 each, making him a salary of \$2,400 besides what he gets off the ground. He has held two revival meetings during the past year, resulting in perhaps seventy-five or eighty additions to the churches. The people seem to appreciate him and his wife very much. A great crowd of people attended the dedication. Perhaps more than 400 were given dinner in the basement of the church.

There are great opportunities in our country fields wherever we can find men that can work them.

This church was organized in 1837 and it is now eighty-three years old. They first planned for a building in 1840 and a house was erected for church and school which lasted thirty years.

THE SUMMER ASSEMBLY

The Illinois Baptist Summer Assembly at Shurtleff College, Alton, July 12-18, met the high expectations of the members of the department of Religious Education and established itself as one of the permanent institutions of the Baptists of Illinois. It presented an unusually fine program for training workers in Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., Missions, Devotional and Bible study, with courses by many men of nation-wide reputation, such as Dr. Poteat of the Board of Promotion and Dr. Sly of the Publication Society. Over one-third of those in attendance earned certificates for taking notes on twenty lectures, which showed the spirit of earnest effort pervading the school. The dean, Mr. Koehler, had all arrangements pertaining to classes, meals, good times, etc., perfected as to detail and preserved a healthy equilibrium between recreation, study and devotion. A spirit of unity seemed to weld the group together. The Shurtleff College grounds and buildings proved well adapted to the work and housing of the Assembly.

One of the hopeful signs in the attendance was its state-wide reach; delegates came from as far north as Freeport, and as far south as Johnston City; they came also from widely scattered localities. This will mean a great deal another year as all went home enthusiastically declaring they would boost loud, long and hard for the Assembly next year. Twenty-nine churches were represented by ninety-seven registered delegates. The cry from Chicago to Cairo is: "Give us trained Church Leaders." When it becomes generally known among the churches that the Department of Religious Education really has a school to meet this need, Shurtleff College build-

ings will not begin to accommodate the people who will come to spend a week in training, recreation and fellowship. The impression this first attempt of the department to serve the churches through its training school made upon those in attendance from different parts of the state, may be gleaned from the following spontaneous testimonies:

The Summer Assembly has been a most delightful affair.

Harold Howard,
Pres. State B. Y. P. U.

I feel that the time spent at the Assembly has wonderfully benefited me in my Christian experience.

Anna K. Huisinga, Freeport.
Sec., Rock River Asso. B. Y. P. U.

The Assembly was one of the finest courses of spiritual education I ever attended. The very best instructors possible were secured. I sincerely hope and pray that a great number of our young people will make arrangements to attend next year.

W. H. Lammon, Johnston City.
Pres. B. Y. P. U.

The Summer Assembly has offered opportunity for development in study, spiritual growth and social life. Every need of young life has been anticipated and met. No young person can afford to miss this gathering.

Effie Hoover, Berwick.
Under appointment of W. A. B. H. M. S.

I shall always look back to this Assembly as one of the most enjoyable and beneficial weeks of my life. The fellowship has been particularly pleasant and the training and study very inspirational.

Evelyn L. Waller, Galva.
Pres. B. Y. P. U.
Herbert Hines,
El Paso.

THE UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be more than 400 Baptist students in the University of Illinois the coming year. It would be a great help in getting into touch with these students if parents, pastors and friends would not only send me a line regarding them but would also tell them of the University Baptist Church and urge them to affiliate themselves with it the first Sunday they are in town. The church is located at the corner of Fourth and Daniel streets. The Bible School which is a veritable School of Religious Education meets at 10 o'clock, the one service of worship of the day at 11 and the B. Y. P. U. at 6:30. All the work is planned especially for the students. Courses will be given this year in the Fundamentals of the Christian Faith, the History and Literature of the Hebrew People, the Life of Christ and the Social Principles and Teachings of Christianity.

Martin S. Bryant, Student Pastor.
807 S. Fourth St., Champaign, Ill.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Henry Clay Miller, who has been the successful pastor of Marion Ave., church, Aurora, for several years, has resigned to take effect October 1st, at which time he will enter Columbia University for some special work. Brother Miller will be greatly missed in Aurora and Illinois when he leaves.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

The Bradford church, of which Rev. Frank Metcalf is pastor, has done some excellent repair work at a cost of about \$1,500. The house has been beautifully decorated, new lights installed, new roof and painted on the outside. Also new windows have been placed in the church.

The church was re-opened Sunday, July 18th. Superintendent Brand gave a stereopticon lecture in the basement of the church Saturday night and preached in the opening service Sunday morning. The Sunday School was quite good and the meeting house was crowded for the preaching services. Sunday night Rev. B. E. Allen, pastor of the Osceola church preached the sermon and they had a crowded house and many people could not get inside. At the close of the Sunday night service the church gave a free ice-cream and cake luncheon for everybody. Brother Metcalf is doing good work with the Bradford church.

District Superintendent J. C. Dent held a meeting for two weeks and a half in the Antioch church, north of Aledo. Brother Dent says: "The farmers were busy with their hay and oats but we had splendid congregations, especially on Sundays. We had fourteen converts and two united by letter. Brother Parker baptized eight of the converts yesterday morning. Nearly all the members came forward for reconsecration. The Young People's Society was greatly strengthened." While Brother Dent was engaged on that field he worked up an interest at Reynolds and arranged for Brother Parker to preach Sunday afternoons on that field. Reynolds has been without preaching for about two years.

Rev. H. B. Stevens, our Missionary pastor at Rochelle, writes July 25th: "Just now we are very busy with our Department of Vacation Bible School. Have sixty-five scholars and five workers enrolled. Busy is no name for it. I am putting in from fifteen to eighteen hours a day. This is my vacation. Attendance at services today was fair. Sunday School fifty-five. Morning Worship forty-two and Evening Service fifty-four."

The Baptist Old People's Home

Maywood, Illinois
Mrs. A. W. Runyan, Sec'y.

A visit to the Home last week found the members for the most part well and happy. Mrs. Hendee, who had recently passed her 90th birthday, had slipped quietly away to her Heavenly Home.

The vacancy in our Home is already filled by a dear frail little lady who has been waiting for about three years.

Another member of the Home who has not been able to go up and down stairs, and in bed much of the time—reluctantly consented to leave the room which had been home to her for a long time, and go into the hospital cottage. She was found sitting in an easy chair on the front porch so thankful and happy for her sunshiny room on the first floor where she could also get out in the air.

The scarcity of coal is giving us great anxiety as our bins are empty. Also our fruit closet. "A word to the wise (and generous) is sufficient."

We need soon a janitor and laundress. This is a good opportunity for a man and wife who will work for a fair salary with room and board furnished. We have electric washing machine, mangle and dryer.

This ought to appeal to some of our own people. Any one who wishes to apply or can give us information leading to suitable persons for these positions may address the Home, 316 Fourth St., Maywood, Ill.

We also need a cook. The problems of the Old People's Home are the same as come to all our homes in these times of high cost of living. Help us solve them.—Mrs. A. W. Runyan, Field Sec.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS****Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.****Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

Our Home and grounds seem strangely quiet the last two weeks as all our big family with the exception of a few unable to go because of indisposition, are up at Lake Delavan, Wis., camping out and enjoying the open to the fullest extent.

The Superintendent is in charge with cook, caretaker and some of the older girls as aids. Their letters speak in glowing terms of the good times they are having, and we trust it will be a pleasant memory in minds of all for days to come.

Through the kindness and generosity of the Northwestern Railroad free transportation was secured which made it possible for all the children to reach Williams' Bay where they were met by good friends with automobiles and taken seven miles to camp.

Taking advantage of the absence of the children the decorators are here doing the work which is usually done in August. A good force of workmen are here, so by the time the family return most of the work will be done.

The baby boy spoken of in our last letter is no longer here, having been adopted into a home where no children have come. He was thriving wonderfully well and had taken possession of quite a large place in our hearts, but having his best interest in mind we gladly overruled our feelings and relinquish our right, praying that God may make him a great blessing where he has gone.

The Maywood celebration, July 5th, won the silk flag given by The Daily News for the best celebration.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**Rev. N. T. Hafer, Supt.****Mrs. N. T. Hafer, Matron**

Not by intuition, but by oversight, there has been no news from Hudelson Home in the Bulletin for some time. The superintendent has always supposed he could take care of considerable work, but must confess that he cannot keep up with this game. With twice as many children as one year ago and with the improvement work still in full blast the correspondence and other office work is tremendous. Also the money must be found somewhere and it does not come easy just now. The disappointing results of the great campaign leaves us with very little, if any more budget money than formerly. Also many churches still believe we are fully taken care of and that no more offerings are necessary. Until the churches again learn the facts we are bridging the chasm with tag days in the towns nearby where the work of the Home is known and appreciated. Since May 1st more than \$800 have been secured in this way, and another town is yet to hold its tag day. A truck load of our children aroused much public interest by singing at each tag day when held within easy driving distance.

The general health of our large family is good, but a year-old baby died of intocolites July 20th, and a boy lost an arm by a fall from a tree about the middle of June. We have just expelled two more of our boys (after a similar expulsion in April) in the effort to keep pure the ideals of the Home. Any institution that takes children from the streets will occasionally get one that should go to a reform school.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan, Park

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston

These are the days of Summer Conferences, when one can combine pleasure and recreation with instruction which they can secure in no other way. Winona Summer School of Missions is over. There was an attendance of 365 which included 150 young women. The faculty and leaders were never better. The Geneva Summer School is to be held August 17-24 at Conference Point, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. There will be leaders and lecturers of the first class on various subjects. Lake Geneva itself is an attraction worth going a long ways to see and enjoy.

If you want a week of real pleasure, profit and rest, plan to be there. For reservations address Mrs. Madge Ashton, 7322 Greenwood Ave., Chicago.

There are only two months before the State Convention meets in Kewanee. In connection with it, on Oct. 19, occurs the annual meeting of our State Society. We want more women present than ever before on Woman's Day, which promises to be of great help and inspiration as well as of keen enjoyment.

We are happy to announce that Miss Nellie Prescott, recently returned from a trip among the mission stations of the Orient, will be one of the principle speakers before the Convention. The study books for the year will be presented at four different periods by Miss Alice Brimson and Mrs. G. A. Taft. The Woman's Banquet which every woman

will wish to attend, will be at the close of the afternoon session. Plan to go and stay until the close of the Convention Thursday evening.

Has your church adopted the Extension Plan and have an extension visitor in your church? If you do not know about it, write to the State President or to 2969 Vernon Ave., Chicago.

Mrs. Minnie Oberholser, our first vice president, is seriously ill from a nervous breakdown. We sincerely sympathize with her husband and son in these days of anxiety and pray for her recovery.

The circle in Griggsville report that it has used the Survey in study work and also the one on Americanization. The meetings were very interesting and attractive. At the last one tiny flag was given to each one present and all stood and repeated the pledge of allegiance. The church has been without a pastor for a year, but the women "carry on" just the same. Unfortunately it is not always the case.

The organization of a Mission Circle at Eldred is reported. We wish several could be reported next month.

Our new State College Counsellor is more than making good. She writes of a conference of the counsellors in the state, also of the interest aroused by a questionnaire recently sent out. Many of the counsellors expect to be in Kewanee.

Our missionary, Rev. I. A. Fox, seems to be having good work in the Riverside church, Decatur. Without any suggestion from the State Convention Board they voted to discontinue receiving any assistance from the State Convention Board in paying their pastor's salary. When the basement of the new meeting house was built, they borrowed \$2,000 from the Home Mission Society and the State Convention guaranteed its payment within five years. Only two years have passed and they have paid that all off. They hope to soon be entirely out of debt.

"A LITTLE MORE CROSS

A little more cross and a little less creed,
A little more beauty of brotherly deed;
A little more bearing of things to be borne,
With faith in the infinite triumph of morn.
A little less doubt and a little more do
Of the simple, sweet service each day
brings to view;
A little more cross, with its beautiful light,
Its lesson of love and its message of right;
A little less sword and a little more rose
To soften the struggle and lighten the
blows;
A little more worship, a little more prayer,
With the balm of its incense to brighten
the care;
A little more song and a little less sigh,
And a cheery good-day to the friends that
go by.
A little more cross and a little more trust
In the beauty that blooms like a rose out
of dust;
A little more lifting the load of another,
A little more thought for the life of a
brother;
A little more dreaming, a little more
laughter,
A little more childhood, and sweetness
thereafter;
A little more cross and a little less hate,
With love in the lanes and a rose by the
gate!"

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE

Mr. Lloyd George was at home on Sunday last at the Welsh Baptist church, Great Castle street, for he is not only a frequent worshiper there, but takes part in some of its more homely services. The occasion was that of the annual flower service, at which he spoke both in Welsh and afterwards in English. We take advantage of a report in the Daily Chronicle.

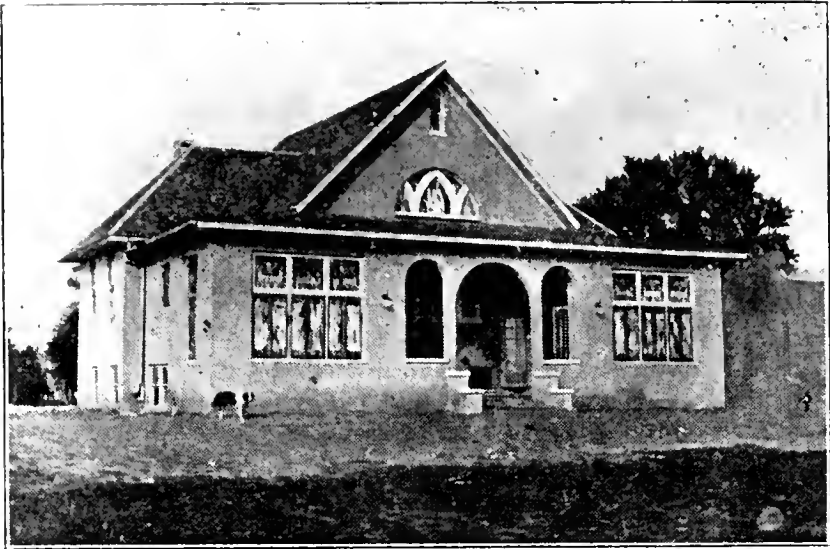
A speaker having remarked that the people were thinking for themselves, he said: 'That is quite right, and I am not afraid of the people thinking. It is the action without thinking that I am afraid of. It is only those who have things that will not bear thinking about you have to fear. It is only those who have vested interests that are indefensible, that are corrupt, that are oppressive, that are wrong, that are unjust—they, and they alone, need fear thinking. Thinking is as a ray from heaven, and it will filter through, and you may depend upon it it will illumine all in the end. I am not afraid of thinking, and I am very glad to hear of these conflicts of thought that are going on. It may not be my thought; it may not be other men's; it may be someone else whose thought comes out; but I trust in God, and I know the right thing will come out.' "

"THE RECORD KEPT

It was only a cup of water, with a gentle
grace bestowed,
But it cheered a lonely traveler upon the
dusty road;
For the way was long and dreary, and the
resting places few,
And the sun had dried the streamlets, and
drunk up the sparkling dew;
None noticed the cup of water as a beautiful
act of love,
Save the angels keeping the record, away
in the land above;
But the record shall never perish, the trifling
deed shall live,
For heaven demands but little from those
who have least to give!

It was only a kind word spoken to a weeping
little child;
But the thread of its grief was broken,
and the little one sweetly smiled;
And nobody stayed to notice so tiny an act
of love.
And she who had spoken kindly went on
in her quiet way,
Nor dreamt such a simple action should
count in the last great day.
But the pitying words of comfort were
heard with a song of joy,
And the listening angels blessed her from
their beautiful home on high.

It isn't the world-praised wonders that are
best in our Father's sight,
Nor the wreaths of fading laurels that gar-
nish fame's dizzy height,
But the pitying love and kindness, the
work of the warm caress,
The beautiful hope and patience and self-
forgetfulness;
The trifle in secret given, the prayer in the
quiet night,
And the little unnoticed nothings are good
in our Father's sight."



NEW MEETING HOUSE AT ST. MARYS
Dedicated July 25, 1920



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Those who keep in close touch with the doctrinal peculiarities of many Southern Illinois Baptists cannot fail to notice the striking difference between them and the Southern Baptists and wonder how they can work together with such harmony. Some people seem to think that there is perfect harmony on every point between the leaders of Southern Illinois and the leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention, but there seems to be almost as much real difference between them as between Southern Illinois and the North. For example: The Southern Convention people in Southern Illinois have taught that Roger Williams was not a Baptist. Of course all of us understand that he was not a Landmark Baptist. He was so much better Baptist by not being such. The Southern Illinois paper discouraged all effort to build a Memorial in Washington city to commemorate the name of Roger Williams as the great pioneer Baptist of America. But the Southern Baptist Convention when it met in Washington, D. C., in May, held a special meeting at the lot in the city where the memorial is to be erected and gave it all the encouragement possible.

The leaders in Southern Illinois have been teaching their people that David Lloyd George, Premier of Great Britain,

is not a Baptist. Of course Lloyd George is not a Landmark Baptist. The people of the Northern Convention have considered him a good true loyal Baptist brother. That was held as one thing against Northern Baptists in Southern Illinois. Dr. J. B. Gambrell the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, recently visited London and he speaks of this man as follows. "It has come about that the head of the British Government, a Baptist, Premier Lloyd George, appoints the Bishops for the Episcopal attachment to the British Government." If the president of the Northern Baptist Convention has called Lloyd George a Baptist, it would have been resented in Southern Illinois. Five of the Southern leaders, Truett, Love, Mullins, Wolfe and Gambrell visited Spurgeon's Tabernacle. Dr. Gambrell says concerning this church, "Its services are very plain and deeply spiritual, not very different from the First church in Dallas, Texas. Any devout soul feels at home. It is a wonderful place to honor God"; and yet if the Spurgeon Tabernacle were in Southern Illinois, it would not be recognized as a Baptist church by the Landmark Baptists of Southern Illinois. These brethren attended a Presbyterian church in London, concerning the service and sermon of

which Dr. Gambrell writes. "I was never so penetrated, rebuked, comforted and invigorated by a sermon. The people hung on the words to the last syllable. It was a universal message of the Holy Word to universal struggling humanity." What do the Southern Illinois Baptists think of the president of the Southern Baptist Convention writing that way of a Presbyterian sermon?

Sometime ago the Tennessee Baptists received two or three whole Associations of Free Baptists into their fellowship. In Southern Illinois the Association that affiliated with the North would not take in the whole Free Baptist body. But after these Northern churches had organized themselves into a regular Baptist Association it voted to receive Free Baptist churches when each church sent a letter requesting admission into the Baptist Association. It took a little more care and exercised better Baptist methods than the Tennessee Baptists and yet the Southern Baptists in Southern Illinois will not recognize the churches of this Association, will not give letters nor receive letters from these churches and yet two of these churches are fields where the Editor of the Illinois Baptist was formerly pastor. This division in Southern Illinois does not seem to be on account of doctrinal differences so much as because of leadership and the Southern Convention has made its strong effort to secure New Mexico, Oklahoma, Missouri and 40,000 or 50,000 Baptists in Southern Illinois not so much because of doctrinal differences as because of territorial expansion.

PROHIBITION

The results of a year or more of National Prohibition can be seen on every

hand. Much of the talk and writing against Prohibition comes not from the men who formerly drank, but from the men who have lost their business in manufacturing and selling intoxicating drinks. Any one who travels is impressed with the great amount of travel these times and the over-crowded hotels in the large and small cities. There is only one explanation for this great increase within the last two years, and that is that some of the billions of dollars that were formerly spent for strong drink are now being spent for travel. In all good parts of our cities, rents for good and reasonable houses and flats have greatly increased, while the poorer classes of dwellings are in less demand and in some of our large cities many miserable houses that were formerly in demand are now empty. Families that are saving some as the result of Prohibition are not willing to live in the wretched hovels they lived in when a large proportion of their wages went for drink. Some people are writing and complaining as though Prohibition had never been tested until now; yet more than twenty-five of our states had Prohibition laws and were prospering under Prohibition before the National law went into effect. The liquor interest will die hard, but the death knell has struck and there is no salvation for the liquor interests.

"Harvard Divinity School, the Andover Theological Seminary and the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Cambridge combined had only fifty-nine students last session, of which number thirteen were special, graduate or unclassified students. Certainly the thinning ranks of the ministry cannot be replaced from such sources. Liberalism is having a hard time to get preachers. Is there any wonder? What gospel have such men to preach? The seminaries that stick close "to the faith once for all revealed" are overwhelmed with students."

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THE Convention meets in Kewanee,
October 18-21. This is so near at
hand that people must begin now plan-
ning to attend.

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THE full program of the State Con-
vention appears in this number of
the Bulletin except the Women's Pro-
gram for Tuesday. Our Program is
comprehensive and definite and the
names of many good speakers are upon
it.

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THE Womens' Program will be given
on Tuesday. They have a splendid
program for the whole day, including ad-
dresses at the dinner and supper hours.
The women do not hold a night session,
but will be in the General Session on
Tuesday night. Five women speakers
appear in the General Program. Tues-
day night, Wednesday forenoon, Wed-
nesday afternoon and Thursday after-
noon and at the Banquet.

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POSSIBLY some pastors will not
feel able to attend the Convention
unless assisted by the church. Every
church affiliated with the State Con-
vention should see to it that its pastor at-
tends the Convention. If he needs as-
sistance, they should give it to him.

THE Women's Societies in the
churches should see to it so far as
possible that the pastor's wife has an op-
portunity to attend the Convention.
These Conventions, including the Wom-
en's meeting, are almost as much benefit
to the pastor's wife as to the pastor him-
self.

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MANY more laymen ought to at-
tend the Conventions than have
been in the habit of going. The laymen
need the meetings and they can do very
much toward making the meeting a suc-
cess.

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THE Kewanee church and its friends
will furnish lodging and breakfast
for all delegates and visitors free and ar-
rangements will be made for every one
to secure dinner and supper at reasonable
prices.

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THE Convention will give a free din-
ner to all the Missionaries of the
Convention who are present and their
wives at 12:30 Wednesday. This gives
one opportunity a year for the Mission-
aries to look into each other's faces and
have some consultation together.

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THE General Banquet will be given
on Wednesday evening from five un-
til seven o'clock. Everybody will have
the privilege of attending that Banquet.
Possibly provision can be made for 400
or more.

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LET all the churches see to it that
delegates are appointed to the
State Convention. No one is entitled to
vote in the Convention unless he is a life
member or a member of the Executive
Board or has been appointed by his
church. Each Baptist church in the State

contributing to the funds of the Convention shall be entitled to one delegate and one additional delegate for each one hundred of its members or major fraction thereof. Every person will be expected to state when he registers whether he is a delegate or a visitor.

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It is suggested that at the Wednesday night prayer meeting, October 13, and at the Sunday morning service, October 17, prayer be offered for the success of the Illinois Baptist State Convention. Let special prayer be offered for all the officers and Missionaries of the Convention and their work during the coming year.

MEETINGS OF THE ILLINOIS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Music Director, Rev. Frank M. Dunk, Normal.

Monday Evening

7:30 Devotional—Rev. J. H. Pierce, Toulon.

7:50 Annual Sermon—Rev. Charles Durden, East St. Louis.

Collection for printing Annual.
Address: "The Message of Jesus in the World Crisis"—Rev. T. G. Soares, Ph.D., Chicago.

Tuesday Morning

9:00 Devotional Service—Rev. J. R. Shanks, Alpha.

Topics for Discussion.

9:20 1. "The Minister as Recruiting Officer for the Local Church Work"—Rev. Eaton B. Freeman, LaGrange.

9:40 2. "For the Kingdom Task"—Rev. George Sneath, Monmouth.

10:00 Discussion of above topics.

10:30 Devotional—Rev. W. E. Mundell, Ph.D., Belvidere.

10:50 Obituary Report—Rev. M. W. Twing, D.D., Alton.

11:10 Memorial Address—Rev. Smith T. Ford, D.D., Wheaton.

11:30 Prayer.

11:40 Announcements.

11:50 Introduction of New Pastors by Supt. E. P. Brand.

12:15 Adjournment.

Tuesday Afternoon

1:40 Song and Prayer.

1:50 Beginning of Convention Work.
Appointment of Nominating and Enrollment and Resolutions Committees.

2:10 Report of Department of Education—Rev. H. W. Hines, El Paso.

2:40 Report of Department of Evangelism—Rev. J. L. Meads, Benton.

3:00 Report of Department of Social Service—Rev. Chas. W. Gilkey, Chicago.

3:20 Address—M. & M. Fund—Rev. P. C. Price, D.D., New York.

3:50 Business.

5:00 Adjournment.

Tuesday Night

7:10 Prayer Services—Rev. G. W. Claxon, Roseville.

7:25 Address of Welcome by Pastor L. C. Trent, Kewanee.

7:35 Response to Address of Welcome, Pres. George M. Potter, Alton.

7:45 Special Music by Choir.

8:00 Annual Sermon—Rev. J. B. Thomas, D.D., Chicago.

Offering for Publishing Annual.

8:50 Address—"The New World Movement in the Orient"—Miss Nellie G. Prescott.

Wednesday Morning

- 9:00 Song and Prayer.
 9:10 Report of Nominating Committee.
 9:30 Report of the Board of the Convention—Supt. E. P. Brand, Normal.
 10:00 Address—Department of Women's Work—Mrs. W. P. Topping, Elgin.
 10:20 Devotional—Rev. J. J. Ross, D.D., Chicago.
 11:00 Address—Dr. Gilbert Brink, Philadelphia, Pa.
 11:30 Business.
 11:30 Near East Relief—P. J. Byrne, Chicago.
 11:40 Business.
 12:30 Lunch for State Convention Missionaries.

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:50 Hymn and Prayer.
 2:00 Report of Department of State Promotion Board—Dr. Walter I. Fowle, Galesburg.
 2:10 Report and Address—Rev. A. E. Peterson, Chicago.
 2:25 General Promotion Boards.
 2:45 How One Association Proposes to do its Work—Rev. J. W. Merrill, Carbondale.
 3:00 Discussion or Question Period.
 3:30 Address—Dr. C. A. Brooks, New York.
 4:10 Address—"Work Among Our Friends, the Negroes"—Mrs. John H. Chapman, Chicago.
 4:40 Business.
 5:00 Adjournment.

Wednesday Night

- 7:00 Prayer and Music by Choir.
 7:30 Introduction of State Convention Missionaries.
 9:30 State Convention Address—Frances Parker, Chicago.

Thursday Morning

- 8:45 Song and Prayer.
 8:55 Business of Convention and Reports of Committees.
 Report of Treasurer and Auditing Committee.
 9:10 Report of Department of Philanthropy.
 9:20 Discussion of Philanthropic Institutions.
 9:50 Devotional—Rev. J. J. Ross, D. D., Chicago.
 10:20 Committee on Ordination and Ministerial Efficiency—Rev. M. S. Bryant.
 10:50 Anti-Saloon League—Mr. T. J. Bolger.
 11:10 Committee on Resolutions.
 11:40 Election of Officers.
 12:20 Adjournment.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SESSION OF THE STATE CONVENTION

- 1:50 Devotional Service.
 2:00 Business Session:
 Appointment of Nominating Committee.
 Reports:
 Chairman Hines
 Treasurer Hilton
 Director Koehler
 Director Kimble.
 2:30 Address—"The Church and Religious Education"—Rev. G. A. Sheets, Rockford.
 3:00—Song.
 3:05 Conference Period:
 Three brief papers followed by discussion:
 1. Associational Departments of Religious Education—Mrs. Iva L. Smith, Colchester.
 2. The Summer Assembly—Rev. M. S. Bryant, Champaign.

3. The Life Service League—
Miss Elsie L. Oberg, Ke-
wanee.

3:40 Song.

3:45 Conference Period:

Subject—"Hardest Points to At-
tain on the School Standard of
Excellence."

1. Teacher Training, etc., pre-
sented by Mrs. E. E. Leader,
Monmouth.
2. Workers' Conference, etc.
—Rev. C. C. Long, Urbana.
3. School Enrollment, etc.—
Rev. W. B. Morris, Win-
chester.
4. Organized Classes, etc.—
Mr. Claude E. Tilton, Fair-
mount.

4:30 Business Session:

Report of President Howard.
Report of Secretary Oberg.
Election of Officers.

4:50 Address—"The Church and Her
Young People"—Rev. Henry
G. Smith, Berwick.

5:30 General Banquet

Topic—"World's Claim on Illi-
nois Baptism."

Toastmaster — Rev. G. W.
Chessman, Ottawa.

Address—"Young Life"—Mrs.
R. V. Meigs, Quincy.

Address—"Training"—Rev.
W. R. Yard, DeKalb.

Address—"Men"—Chas. Ma-
jor, Wilmette.

Address—"Material Re-
sources"—Rev. H. T. Ab-
bott, Murphysboro.

(Each speaker limited to eight minutes.)

Thursday Night

7:15 Devotional.

7:25 Address—Rev. J. Y. Aitchison,
D. D., New York.

8:15 Address—"In the Light of the
Past"—Rev. W. H. Geistweit,
D. D., St. Louis, Mo.

9:00 Introduction of new officers
elected.

Announcement of next Annual
Meeting by Superintendent.

Adjournment.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

During the month of July the Univer-
sity Church in Champaign repaired and
painted the cupola of the church at a
cost of \$172.31. This will add very much
to the beauty of the meeting house.

A member of the Tampico church
writes: "Since Mr. Matheson came onto
the field, we have added twenty-three
members to our church. Our B. Y. P.
U. has assumed new life and the mem-
bers of the church are beginning to wake
up. We have just completed a renova-
tion consisting in painting and papering
and putting in new art glass windows.
The sum that was raised for the Onward
Movement exceeded our expectation.
We have an organized class of young
people consisting of thirty members.
This class is full of life and activity."

After Rev. George H. Yule assisted
the First Church in Joliet in making an
every-member canvass, he writes: "We
had excellent crowds each Sunday and
the people feel very much encouraged.
They will hear Rev. Mr. Nevin, former-
ly of Roseland, Chicago. They have in
good pledges \$3,000, and will get at least
\$600 more as the Ladies' Aid give about
\$500 each year."

Rev. T. O. McMinn took only a short
vacation and is pressing on in the work
in southern Illinois. He says, "I spent
two weeks with the Shiloh church out in
the country. It is a country church lo-

cated about mid-way between Makanda and Cobden in the great fruit belt of southern Illinois. They have a fine lot of young people that attend church regularly. They have had no pastor for two years. I am planning to bring them into the Association and also to find a pastor. I am now in Wayne county at the Oak Valley church. This is a country church about six miles northwest of Fairfield. They have a good building, nicely located, weakened membership, but plenty of young people in the community. They are also without a pastor."

Rev. J. C. Dent spent a part of his vacation supplying churches in the Aurora Association. He got some good vacation and rest between the Sundays upon the Lakes.

Rev. George H. Yule took a part of August for a vacation period, but during that time he made an every-member canvass of the Woodstock church and had remarkable success. They raised fully \$3,000 for Current Expenses on that field. Rev. H. H. Smith has just closed his work on that field and leaves it in good condition.

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk did not hold any special meetings in August but supplied the church at Tuscola three Sundays and preached in Normal two Sundays. He is now ready for an aggressive fall work.

Dr. D. O. Hopkins supplied some church nearly every Sunday this summer although he spent a few weeks between Sundays at home. He is making a strong effort to supply pastorless churches with pastors on the western side of the state.

Rev. Edward L. Bayliss, pastor of the Normal church, requests all pastors in Illinois who know of Baptist students

coming to Normal this fall to enter the Normal State University that they write him and give him the names of such parties. Mrs. Bayliss had a very fine student class the past summer and they are hoping to get all Baptist students into her class in Sunday School and into the church services.

ASSOCIATIONS

The Greene Jersey County Association met in Carrollton August 24-26. There was quite a good representation from the churches. Rev. Joseph Jenkins of Jerseyville, was re-elected moderator and Rev. R. A. Rapson of Roodhouse, clerk. The churches of the Association reported 157 baptisms, about five times as many as last year. The spirit of the Association seemed good. There seemed to be a general disposition to encourage the more backward churches to take up the work and complete the \$100,000,000 campaign. Some churches had done well, but some for one cause or another had made no effort or but very little. By careful effort and wise teaching, it seems to this writer that nearly all that Association can be brought into line with the great Onward Movement. Rev. J. B. Little, our District Superintendent for Southern Illinois, has done splendid work in that Association and he seems to be greatly appreciated. His address before the Association was a strong plea for successful work among the rural churches. Rev. W. E. Pool, the pastor at Carrollton, and his people entertained the Association splendidly.

The Rock Island Association met with the Bethel church, August 31 to September 1st. The Bethel Church of which Rev. Mr. Fowley is pastor seems to be in fine condition. They have a good up-to-date meeting house. The attendance

from the various churches of the Association was quite good, and it was one of the best meetings that Association has held in the past thirty years. There seemed to be a deep spiritual interest in all the services. The churches reported two hundred and forty-three baptisms while last year they reported only seventy-eight. The net increase this year above all losses is more than four hundred members. Three important fields in that Association are now pastorless but it is hoped that pastors will be secured for those fields in the near future.

PASTORLESS CHURCHES

Among the White English Speaking Associations in Illinois that are co-operating with the State Convention and the Northern Baptist Convention are forty-one self supporting pastorless fields. Some of these consist of two churches in one pastorate. Some of them are in the open country. Eight of them are in cities. None of these fields will pay less than \$1,500 salary and parsonage for the right man. Some more than \$1,500 and parsonage and some \$2,500. Two of these fields are vacant because of the death of the pastor. Five pastors have gone into business. Several have left the state.

A NEW ASSOCIATION

The two Negro Associations in southern Illinois voted some time ago to co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention. A new Association, to co-operate with the North, was organized from churches coming out of those Associations. There were about twenty-five or twenty-eight churches that went into this new Association and they are enthusiastic for work along the line of the terri-

tory in which they live. Rev. J. J. Cline of Cairo, is moderator of this Association.

Rev. N. T. Hafer, superintendent of the Hudelson Orphanage, writes that they will probably have one hundred children to take care of this coming year and that they need \$12,000 for Current Expenses. They also need \$6,000 to finish the improvements and buildings as they ought to be for that work. The Home is receiving \$5,000 per year from the General Promotion Board and the balance of the fund needed will need to be made up by individuals and churches.

EAST PARK, DECATUR

East Park Church, Decatur, is in one of the most hopeful sections of Illinois. The whole city of Decatur has been growing until there is now a population of 41,000 people. The East Park Baptist Church is well located for the great Corn Product Plant workers and the Wabash railroad shop people and a large iron bridge plant. The great dam in the Sangamon river will make a body of water eight miles long and in some places three miles wide. This will be along the east side of the city. The laymen of the church feel that the time has come for that church to undertake a much larger work for the Lord. Rev. G. W. Stoddard is giving part time to supplying the church and is greatly appreciated, but the church is greatly in need of a full time work.

PRAYER MEETINGS

The mid-week prayer meeting ought to be a test of the spiritual life of the church. That is a meeting primarily for the people and not the pastor. No leader of a prayer meeting ought to take more

than ten minutes in the opening of the meeting. in singing, scripture reading and prayer and no wise pastor will talk more than fifteen minutes discussing a topic. That will leave thirty-five minutes of the hour for the people to speak or pray or sing or take any part that they may desire in the services. Many prayer meeting leaders will take a large proportion of the hour and take up as much time in a prayer meeting as they would in an average sermon and leave ten or fifteen minutes of the hour for the people to take part and then some times complain because their prayer meetings are not interesting. A good spicy, lively, energetic meeting in the beginning, lasting not more than twenty-five minutes will put the people in good spirits and in a good frame of mind to occupy the last thirty-five minutes without waste of time. One hour is long enough for a prayer meeting if properly conducted.

DEATHS

Rev. George B. McKee, pastor of the First Church of Canton, died suddenly on August 13th, following a stroke of apoplexy. Funeral services were held on the following Sunday morning. Mr. McKee had been pastor of the Canton church for about five years. He was greatly loved and appreciated both by the Baptist church and citizens of Canton. All the other churches of Canton closed their services Sunday, August 15th and attended the funeral services Sunday morning. The churches united Sunday night and a Memorial service was conducted. Brother McKee had accepted an appointment for a place on the Program for the Illinois Baptist Convention in October at Kewanee. He leaves a

wife and three children, one married and two at home.

Mrs. Sarah E. Scrogin of Lexington, died June 7 in the 92d year of her age. She was born near Jacksonville, Illinois, and was married to Levin Polk Scrogin on Christmas day, 1848, and came to Lexington with him as a bride in January, 1849, and she has lived in that place ever since. She was a constituent member of the Lexington church and was one of its most loyal supporters during her life time. Hon. A. J. Scrogin, who is so well known throughout Illinois, is her son.

VACATIONS

During the month of August the Editor took a ten days leave from Illinois. He went back into West Virginia and spent one week in the counties where his boyhood days were spent. He could not refuse preaching at his old home church and could not stop talking less than a hour but we had an enjoyable service. That old country church has sent out quite a number of preachers into other states but for the past twenty-five years no minister has gone out of that church. He had the privilege of speaking at a family reunion in that state, and on the second Sunday he preached in order to believe a pastor who was almost sick. He did much driving through the hills and mountains and felt greatly rested when he returned to his strenuous work in Illinois. We are now in the midst of Associational meetings, publishing the Bulletin, closing up the work of the Convention for the past year and getting ready for a new year. The Editor enjoys a short vacation once in a while but never feels so comfortable as when he is laboring full handed every day in the work of advancing the Kingdom.

ORDINATION

Rev. C. W. Kerst, who has accepted a call to become pastor of the Bourbon church, was recently ordained by a council in the First Baptist Church in Danville. He came from another denomination to the Baptists.

THE FALL CAMPAIGN

Very many pastors have not taken any vacation; some one or two weeks. No church has taken a vacation. Yet during July and August there has not been much active work. Many pastors have been gone a whole month, some more. But all expect to be at their post September 1st or near that time. During the fall months, nearly all the local Associations and the State Convention hold their annual meetings. These are times of great activity. Much evangelistic work is planned to be carried on between September 1st and Christmas. There never was a period in the history of Christianity when so much self sacrificing and consecrated work has been needed as at this time. The local churches must be built up. We can do not large world wide work with weak and decrepit local churches. Very many members of the local churches are inactive. They must be brought into line for the year's work. Sunday Schools and Young People's organizations must be developed. Strong evangelistic campaigns must be carried on and in connection with this local work every church that had made no effort or only a partial canvass on the \$100,000,000 Drive should be encouraged to do that work this fall. Our churches cannot afford to delay that matter any longer. The people as a rule are willing to fall in line. So far as we have been able to observe there has not

been a church in the state of Illinois whose pastor was in deep sympathy with the Great Onward Movement and who did his best to lead his church along that line, but has had success. Some churches did better than others, but not one so far as we know turned its pastor down in trying to lead them out in this work. On the other hand some churches were comparatively easily led in the other direction if the pastor was not in sympathy with the Great Campaign.

But now all difficulties have been removed. The Baptists are no longer in co-operation with the Inter-Church Movement. The great majority of our people have been led out in large giving and now is the time for all others to join in on this great work. Let no pastor and no church in Illinois pass this fall by without an every-member canvass for the Great Onward Movement.

PERSONALS

Rev. F. M. Crabtree of Jacksonville joined the Baptist church at Whitehall, six or eight years ago and in a very short time afterward was ordained to the Baptist ministry. He was a barber and has continued most of the time since in his barber shop and has had splendid supplies for preaching on Sundays. His last pastorate was at the Union church near Pisgah. Through some influence not known to us he made up his mind to leave the Baptists and join the Disciples church in Jacksonville, which he did September 18th. We doubt very much if Brother Crabtree will be treated any better by the denomination into which he goes than he was by the Baptists, but if he was dissatisfied with us we were very willing to have him go where he perhaps thinks his Association will be more congenial.

PASTORAL CHANGES

The Bourbon church has located for their pastor for full time Rev. C. W. Kerst. This is the first time that the church has ever had preaching for full time. They have also secured a good parsonage.

Rev. A. B. Wimmer, who has been pastor for several years of the Morrison church, has resigned and closed his work. He has accepted a position as Superintendent of the high school at Orchard, Nebraska.

Rev. J. B. Martin who has been pastor of the church at Petersburg for about one and one-half years has accepted a call to become pastor of the Havana church and began his work September 1st. Brother Martin will have a great opportunity for work at Havana. He leaves the work in good condition at Petersburg and they will need a strong pastor for that field.

Rev. W. J. Campbell, who has been for several years pastor of the Waverly church, has closed his work on that field. The people wish to locate a pastor at Waverly soon.

The Olney church has arranged for Rev. L. D. Lamkin, D.D., to become their pastor for an indefinite length of time. They voted to give him an opportunity of holding four meetings during the year. There is great opportunity for a large work at Olney and we hope Dr. Lamkin will succeed well there|

Rev. J. B. Kelly, who has been pastor of the Bethany church in the Alton Association for the past two years, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Nokomis church and has located on that field. Brother Kelly did good work at Bethany and we hope that he will have a successful time at Nokomis. Bethany

is another one of our splendid rural fields that is looking for a pastor.

Rev. M. P. Boynton, D.D., who writes concerning the departure of Rev. S. J. Skevington, D.D., from the Beldon Ave., church says: "I am sorry that we have lost Skevington from our Illinois ranks. He was wisely useful, a man of unusual abilities. I shall feel his loss in Chicago greatly as we were very close and happy friends. Still he did well to go when so fine an opportunity was offered him in California."

Rev. Oscar E. Myerscough did a very aggressive work during the two years that he was pastor of the Frankfort Heights church. He resigned there and has accepted a call to supply the O'Fallon church while attending school at Shurtleff College.

Rev. Chas. W. Wolfe, our Missionary pastor at Glasford and LaMarsh for several years, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Clayton church, giving one-fourth time to Kellerville. These churches are in the Quincy Association and they form a large and hopeful pastorate. Brother Wolfe and his wife have done good work at Glasford and he has supplied the church faithfully at LaMarsh. He will probably leave Glasford about the first of October.

"Dr. A. S. Carman, recently with the Board of Promotion, becomes professor of English and history at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. Rev. George R. Wood, of Ottawa, Illinois, becomes professor of psychology, pedagogy and other collegiate subjects. Dr. Olof Hedeén and Rev. J. E. Gronlund, who have rendered volunteer service, become regular members of the faculty. Mrs. E. R. Huckelberry will be office secretary and Miss Annie Bon librarian. The new property at 3040 West Washington boulevard, Chicago, will be ready when the seminary opens its fall quarter on September 15."

CHURCHES

Rev. James M. Lively, who has been pastor of the Mattoon church for quite a number of years in sending in a club for the Bulletin, writes as follows: "We have had the largest Sunday school attendance during the past six months in the history of the church. Brother A. P. Renn was with us for three weeks in April and there were twenty baptisms and a number added by letter. I then went out to the Mission and held a two weeks meeting and baptised fifteen as a result of that meeting. All lines of our work have taken on new life."

Rev. J. H. Bagwill of Southern Illinois writes as follows: "Our meeting closed at Marion with eighty-four conversions and fifty-one additions and others have united since. The conversions were old fashioned." Brother Bagwill assisted Rev. J. W. McKinney, pastor of the Marion church, before he accepted the position as Chaplain in the Penitentiary at Chester.

Rev. F. L. Enslow, pastor of the First Church in Danville, writes: "Last Sunday was my first Sunday service since vacation. I received my 100th new member since coming here. Congregations are large and prayer meetings are popular."

The clerk of the Arcola Baptist church writes as follows: "The new pastor of the Arcola Baptist church, Rev. J. J. Bruggink, formerly of Forrest City, is now located on the field here beginning August 1st. Mr. Bruggink is a young man with a reputation for doing things and the church is looking forward to a good years work for the Master under his leadership. This church entertains the Bloomfield Association this fall and we are expecting to have a great time."

The Baptist Old People's Home

Maywood, Illinois
Mrs. A. W. Runyan, Sec'y.

We are glad to report continued good health of most of the members of the Home.

Wish you could see the nice strawberry patch our dear Mrs. King, who is always doing something for the Home, has had planted—two hundred plants already, and more to follow.

In her feeble health she still journeys out to the Home and is now looking after a new house and fencing for our chicken lot, so those at the Home may be sure of at least some fresh eggs.

She is also very anxious that others share in this most deserving cause by adding to the \$3,000 she has already secured for the purchase of a house and lot on the same block as our other buildings. We need \$5,000 more for this and unless purchased soon may lose the opportunity forever. We can take no more of the deserving ones on the waiting list till more room is provided. Write for particulars.

We are glad to note there is plenty of fruit in some sections of the state, while it is scarce and very high with us; we hope friends who have been generous to the Home heretofore, as well as others who might do it, will can and collect enough for a barrel for the Home. Empty cans will be sent on request.

"In Virginia there are 1,132 Baptist churches, and of these 244 are without pastors. Dr. J. W. Cammack, in The Religious Herald, declares that in the State at this time there are only nine available ministers for these 244 churches. If all the ministers reared in Virginia were to go home there would be no shortage of ministers in the Old Dominion."

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

Everything has been moving on smoothly and happily at the Home, though there have been many interruptions via vacations, etc. Mrs. MacGillivray is expected back from her vacation today and that will complete the list of vacationists, excepting the superintendent's.

When the children are all back from vacations and new applicants have come, we will have eighty-five enrolled.

During an experience of six and one-half years of present management there never was a time that the demand was greater from point of need and supply. Prices are soaring and it keeps us guessing as to how we are going to come out each month.

The Promotion Board is sending us on the basis of five thousand, a monthly check. Some Sunday schools have responded to our call and have sent us their Children's Day offering and yet there is need for a greater response. Our budget this year will exceed twenty thousand dollars and if we are going to meet it we must have response from many more churches, Sunday schools and individuals.

Besides this we need the usual donation of fruit, canned fruit, vegetables, eggs and clothing, if our need is supplied.

Attention! Any offering intended for the children ought to be sent direct to the Central Baptist Children's Home, Box 118, Maywood, Illinois. If sent to Promotion Board, it goes to general fund, though designated.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

**Rev. N. T. Hafer, Supt.
Mrs. N. T. Hafer, Matron**

Tag-days are about ended for the summer although two more small towns have arranged for them in September. Hudelson Home is strictly on the map wherever our children go to sing. The people invariably say "Come again!" and the moral and financial backing for the Home is greatly strengthened. Our children greatly enjoy these trips as it means a long ride in the "new truck Ford" and it usually means treats by the people of the town where they sing. The superintendent is now arranging to take a "flivver" full of children from one association to another during September and early October, about four trips in all.

Life at the Home is normal now. Threshing is over and our wheat though poor, was considerably better than the average, so the threshers' tally showed. Our oats were probably the best for several miles around. Corn, however, is again an absolute failure, the drouth and chinch bugs doing their deadly work through the rainless July, so that we must buy feed for our hogs this fall.

Mr. W. D. Olson, our efficient assistant superintendent, after more than three years of unselfish service for the Home, will go back to commercial life about October 1st. We desire a man and wife for the positions of utility man and cook. We also need a farm hand to take the place of the superintendent's son, who goes to the university this autumn.

The efforts of the State Convention authorities to save for the charitable institutions a fair share of the great budget is greatly appreciated.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

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An important item to bring to the attention of Illinois women this month is the Annual Meeting of the Woman's State Missionary Society to be held in Kewanee, Oct. 19. Each year these meetings have increased in attendance and interest. Not only are they a source of inspiration and knowledge obtained through the many avenues of instruction given, but the renewal of old acquaintances, and the making of new ones are valuable assets to every woman interested in Christianity and its growth in their lives and those of others. Come and attend the woman's meetings and study classes and the sessions of the Convention.

Those coming to Kewanee on the morning of the 19th should go at once to the First Congregational church, First and Tremont streets, so as to miss as little as possible of the meeting.

Both morning and afternoon sessions are to be full of good things and should not be missed. Come and bring some one with you. An important matter for all circles to attend to before Oct. 5th is explained in the following letter from Mrs. H. W. Reed.

On account of the serious illness of Mrs. Oberholser, I have been asked to take charge of her work in connection with the Reading Contest.

I am asking the people of Illinois to

do just as much reading during the month of September as they can. I say "people" because I want you to remember that men, women and juniors count this year in the contest.

The report blanks will be mailed to the Associational Presidents soon, and these ladies are urged to send to the circles as soon as received, so that the reports may be returned to them by Oct. 1st. The Associational Presidents should send these reports to me, not later than Oct. 5th.

Some do not seem to understand how to fill out the blanks. For instance, when the question is asked "how many of the eighteen books have been read?" it means if "The Revolt of Sunderamma" has been read by thirty people, that counts thirty books, etc.

Be very sure to report the number of people who have read one or more books from October to October, because the Loving Cup is presented to the Association having the largest percentage of readers in proportion to the church membership in the Association.

The State Banner is presented to the church reading the greatest number of books. The South Church of Belvidere has received the banner for two successive years. We will be glad to have some other church take it this year if it is earned.—Mrs. H. W. Reed.

Department of Religious Education

Chairman Rev. Herbert Hines, El Paso, Director Rev. Louis H. Koehler, Normal
Elementary Directory Miss Marian E. Kimble, Galesburg

Miss Kimble Resigns

After serving the State Department of Religious Education for a little more than a year Miss Marian E. Kimble, the elementary director, has offered her resignation. The W. A. B. H. M. S. offered scholarships in the Training School at Chicago and Miss Kimble was one of the fortunate ones from Illinois to be chosen to receive a scholarship. We congratulate Miss Kimble upon her opportunity and while sorry to accept her resignation we rejoice with her in the larger field of service that will be opened to her in the future. Miss Kimble's work in the state was appreciated most fully. As soon as a successor is appointed due notice will be made in the Bulletin.

A 100% Tithing Society

During the recent financial campaign of the denomination the leaders of a certain B. Y. P. U. in the southern part of the state determined to try for a 100% tithing society. Following a six months' campaign on evangelism, life work, stewardship and service one Sunday was set apart in church, school and society as a decision day—a day when the members would offer to give a definite part of time, talent and income to promote the work of the kingdom of God. The leaders used the two books, "Money, the Acid Test" and "The New Christian," to promote this cause. On decision day the cards sent out by the General Board of Promotion were presented, studied

and thoroughly explained at an open conference of the B. Y. P. U. meeting in Sunday session. At this meeting every one present signed a pledge card—including three members who are affiliated with the Roman Catholic church. The leaders used the group plan in promoting the idea and each group captain was asked to try and secure 100% tithers in his or her group. The result is a B. Y. P. U. of 47 members, all of whom are tithers. Furthermore, they testify that this was one of the easiest tasks they ever undertook and are very happy in their decision.

Summer Assembly Notes

Secretary Chalmers of the Publication Society sends the following: "I have run over the first report of the Illinois Baptist Assembly and find that it exceeds my expectations. I hope this means the beginning of bigger things for Illinois Baptists." President Potter writes: "I assure you that it was a pleasure to us to have you people here and we shall look forward with much pleasure to the meeting of next summer. It did us good and we enjoyed the whole time." A cut has been made of the Assembly group and Dr. Brand is showing the same at several of the Associations. Mr. Hines' Bulletin article has been reprinted for distribution at the Associations. Every pastor who has prayed for trained and efficient leaders in his church ought to push this Assembly, our state training school.

WANTED, A MINISTER

There are twenty churches in western Illinois over the door of each of which might be inscribed the caption of this article. This important section offers almost every sort of field to any one sufficiently interested. There are here county seats, village and rural churches.

Salem Association sends its call in behalf of Bushnell, a town not over-churched. Our church there has been pastorless for over a year. Then Plymouth and Colchester, a parsonage located at the former, a modern building at the latter, have combined their forces that each might secure half a minister. Raritan is a fine rural church. A good house and substantial salary awaits the newcomer to their parsonage. Other fields, lesser in size, are also clamoring for an overseer to their flocks.

Quincy Association is no better supplied, and agrees that their prime need is men who will minister. Mt. Sterling and Benville offer as large an opportunity as is seldom found, yet for two long years they have been told, "The laborers are few." Wealthy Griggsville, with a house and parsonage worth \$50,000, can not indulge in the luxury of a good minister. Clayton and Kellerville have luckily located Mr. Wolfe of Glasford. Thus one apostle is robbed to pay the other. Payson, Pea Ridge and Pittsfield would rejoice if the voice of a minister was regularly heard in their pulpits.

We find that the Peoria Association does not suffer as keenly in this respect. The removal of Brother Wolfe will leave Glasford and LaMarsh in the same predicament. Brimfield has had no ministerial service of late, and Chillicothe with its fine, modern, debtless plant is in the same category and experiencing the same great want. Canton is now pastorless on

account of the death of the pastor.

In the Central Association the Havana vacancy was immediately filled by Brother Martin of Petersburg, leaving that important point without an under-shepherd. Easton with its large number of farmer members, offers a manly minister a field of great promise. Thus it goes that a State Convention laborer can not travel far without hearing what a score of churches in this end of our commonwealth wants "a minister."

Observation leads us to note the following typical conditions:

(a) Few, if any, ministers are now being prepared for a great Christian work, from this section.

(b) This section being furthest from our schools, is not so well pastored as those churches adjacent to our educational institutions.

(c) In this section there are practically no "superannuated" men.

(d) The type of minister wanted is a clean, upright, industrious, well prepared individual.

(e) We must pray for and give our children to this great work, and usher other young people into the ministry of our Christ, for unless this is done there will be a great dearth all over our land. Western Illinois is no exception to many other parts of the state and the nation in this respect. If churches should persistently use the Want Columns of our newspaper, each of these fields would come under the title "Wanted a Minister."—D. O. Hopkins.

The St. Marys and Bethel churches, of which Rev. D. J. Scott is pastor, recently held a Union Picnic in Rev. J. F. Fowley's grove. There were four hundred people present and a very enjoyable time is reported.

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State Convention

The Illinois Baptist State Convention will hold its seventy-sixth meeting in Kewanee, October 18-21. Kewanee is on the main line of the C. B. & Q. railroad; one hundred thirty miles southwest of Chicago and thirty-two miles northeast of Galesburg. Kewanee is a beautiful little city of about fifteen thousand people. Rev. L. C. Trent has been pastor of that church for about twelve years. The church has a membership of about nine hundred and a large and well arranged house of worship. The church will give free lodging and breakfast and the people will pay for dinner and supper. A splendid meeting is expected. A fine program has been arranged. Dr. J. Y. Aitchison will be one of the speakers Monday night. Miss Prescott will be one of the speakers Tuesday night. All the State Missionaries present will be introduced Wednesday night followed by an address by Francis Parker of Chicago. Dr. Soares and Dr. Geistweit will speak Thursday night. The women will have an all day meeting Tuesday, including dinner and supper. General Promotion matters will be considered Wednesday afternoon. B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Thursday afternoon. General Banquet Thursday between afternoon and night sessions. All persons attending should be appointed by their churches as delegates unless more are coming from

one church than can be appointed as delegates. If not appointed as delegates they should register as visitors. All life members and members of the Board are delegates to the Convention without being appointed by the church or Association. The ten sessions of the Convention are a great means of encouragement and inspiration on the part of all who attend. Churches cannot afford to have their pastors remain at home. Laymen should be encouraged to attend. Our active business men could afford to take off a little time for their own spiritual interest and for the interest of the larger work of the Kingdom. This is the first meeting after the great new and Onward Movement of the Baptists was undertaken. We are now working under newer and larger plans of service. This we think will mean a great increase in attendance at Kewanee as it did in attendance at the National meeting at Buffalo. We suggest that every pastor affiliated with the State Convention offer prayer for the Convention on Sunday morning, October 17th, and that the prayer-meeting in the week preceding be given to prayer for all the work of the Convention. That can be made an interesting and profitable meeting. Let everybody who can plan to be at the meeting on Monday night and get the benefit and inspiration of the meeting from the beginning.

"FALSE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES"

Many secular newspapers when they attempt to write upon religious subjects give absolutely false reports of that concerning which they attempt to write.

A prominent newspaper in the East recently published an article under the following headline: "Baptist Society to Spend Millions to Train Priests for Eastern Orthodox Catholic Churches." The writer of this untruthful statement goes on to say that the American Baptist Home Mission Society announces its purpose to serve the Greek Catholic churches in America thus putting into practice the most practical example of church unity to date. It is stated furthermore that the teachers in this school will not interfere with doctrines nor try to make Baptists out of these eastern orthodox Catholics. The only foundation for this article is the fact that the American Baptist Home Mission Society has established an International Baptist Seminary which will have its home in the vicinity of New York and whose purpose will be the training of ministers and Christian workers for Foreign Baptist speaking churches in this country and in Europe. Dr. F. L. Anderson, for many years Superintendent of the City Missions in Chicago, has accepted the Presidency of this school.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL
BOARD OF PROMOTION AND STATE
CONVENTION SECRETARIES**

The meeting was called for Winona Lake, Indiana, September 7-9. There were about two hundred in attendance. Much time was given to prayer and devotional exercises. Dr. Aitchison reported that \$56,629,920 on the \$100,000,000 Campaign had been subscribed. \$3,000,000 had been subscribed condi-

tionally and \$7,383,000 had been given but cannot be credited on the \$100,000,000. In order to reach the \$100,000,000, \$40,000,000 more must be secured during the next four years. Every body seemed confident that this can be done during these four years. Very many churches from various causes did not make their canvass last spring but will before the end of the year. The last week in April will be made a campaign week for all churches that have not made a reasonable effort, but all pastors and churches are urged to get into line if possible this fall. One great field for work in this financial drive is among the rich people. With the exception of the Rockefellers, but few millionaires seem to have done large things. Many churches that were pastorless last spring could not be brought into line with this work on account of the time being so short. We are living in the greater days of opportunity in the history of the denomination and the Baptists are doing more than ever before. Drs. Franklin and Brooks, just returned from Europe, made great addresses on the European situation. No denomination has so great an opportunity in Europe now as the Baptists. The Foreign Mission Societies of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions have agreed to put \$500,000 each into European work.

"A convention representing the Baptist churches of the Northern United States has unanimously passed a resolution condemning 'propaganda, religious or political, which seeks to induce the government of the United States to meddle with the internal affairs of Great Britain.' In the preamble it is declared that the Conference believes that 'it is in the interest of Protestantism and humanity that friendly relations should be maintained between the United States and Great Britain, the great English-speaking peoples of the world.' —Baptist Times and Freeman, London, Eng."

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THIS is the time of year when a special effort should be made to increase the circulation of the Bulletin. This is the only way to keep posted on local conditions in Illinois.

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THE spirit in the meetings of the local Associations this fall has been fine. There has been more than an average number of baptisms reported, and the great financial campaign of last Spring seemed to have put new life into many churches.

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A call for new recruits for ministerial and missionary life seems to be exceedingly strong just now, and our young people seem easily impressed along this line. The lack of recruits for the ministry for the past twenty-five years has not been the fault of the young people so much as the fault of pastors and older laymen.

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THERE has not been very much definite praying that the Lord of the Harvest would send forth laborers into his harvest field. Pastors and churches have not been fixing their hearts upon some particular young people, have not privately talked with them along this line and have not made it a matter of united prayer so much as they should have done.

NOW is the time to make a strong effort along evangelistic lines. Every pastor ought to be an evangelist. There are times when he may need some help but every sermon should be prepared with the hope and expectation that it will be the means of the conversion of some soul. Every Sunday School teacher with pupils above ten years of age should carefully work for their conversion, and especially should this be so after they have passed into the 'teen age.

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THIS past Convention year closes up twenty-two years of consecutive work on the part of Superintendent Brand. They have been years of great activity and change on the part of economical, civil and religious life. There has not been one year in these twenty-two years in which so much aggressive and successful State Convention work has been done as this year.

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NEXT year holds out prospects for a greater State Convention year than ever before. With our ten general workers besides the missionary pastors, we ought to make an impression on Illinois the coming year. The needs are greater than ever, we must do more aggressive work than in former years or we will hopelessly fail. The world is not standing still now, and the local church or Convention that attempts to do the work as in former years is doomed to failure.

CHICAGO HAS MORE MURDERS

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Chicago has had more than twice as many murders this year as New York. There have been 108 homicides in this city, as compared to 58 in New York City. Sixteen murders have been sentenced to death here in the past two months. Seven will be hung in one day, October 15.

CORRECTED ERROR

A falsehood has been started somewhere, and some preachers have been circulating it, apparently to justify themselves for holding their churches out of the Onward Movement. It is this, that the Shurtleff College trustees were giving Dr. Haynes and for other expenses in raising the endowment for that Institution, 25% of all money raised. What are the facts in the case? Dr. Haynes reported last June to the Trustees in the presence of this writer that he had received in cash and subscriptions, \$317,000 and that the entire expense for himself and other helpers, printing, advertising, traveling and everything was \$12,000, a little less than 4%. We wonder what next will be started by those who do not want to give nor have others to give to promote the Lord's work.

SALEM ASSOCIATION

This Association covers the most westerly territory in our state. It held its Annual Meeting with the church at Carthage, a very beautiful and commodious building, on Sept. 7-9. A splendid program had been prepared by the committee and was carried out with but few necessary changes. The Religious Education Session was stimulating in its suggestions. Director Koehler has had a good response during the year in many of the churches. The Annual Sermon was preached by J. T. Finnan, Elvaston. A splendid gospel message was presented. On account of the important meeting of the General Board of Promotion at Winona Lake, Dr. Peterson was unable to attend. The Wednesday afternoon session was under the auspices of the women and a very practical program was given. Dr. Scott of St. Mary's preached an unusually strong doctrinal sermon.

One hundred thirty-six baptisms were reported. Three or four pastors are immediately needed.

District Superintendent Hopkins gave an address on "The New World Movement." A number of the smaller churches have not yet participated in this program of our denomination. J. M. Jones and G. W. Claxon were re-elected as Moderator and Clerk. L. M. Westrate, H. P. Blunt, and E. E. Clayton were made the missionary committee. There is also elected a strong promotion committee, of which G. W. Claxon is chairman. The Secretary's salary has been raised. This has occurred in every Association that we have attended.

Outside visitors were L. H. Koehler, Mrs. A. W. Runyan, D. H. McGillivray, Miss Boyce of Indiana, D. O. Hopkins. They represented the varied interests of our denomination.

The Carthage ladies provided sumptuous meals for all visitors and delegates. Many delegates came in their automobiles. The attendance was very good, and discussions on various problems were helpful.

"FRANCE COMES BACK"

The wonderful recuperative power of France will be seen from the appended statistics:

"With government support, including loans totaling 9,609,082,916 francs for agricultural and industrial reconstruction in "devastated departments," the French people have reopened 5345 out of 6445 schools existent before the war; built or rebuilt 28,200 temporary wooden and 16,800 permanent stone dwellings, and erected 28,500 wooden barracks to replace houses destroyed; cleared 3,339,000 hectares (a hectare is about two and one-half acres) out of 3,950,000 of barbed wire and trenches; employed 1500 men pumping out and cleaning up flooded mines; rebuilt 475 out of 600 railroad bridges, with eighty more in course of construction; reopened virtually all of 1100 kilometers of canals destroyed, and rebuilt 136 wharves and built twenty-eight new ones."

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The Sixty-seventh Annual meeting of the Central Association was held with the Mt. Zion church, five miles southwest of Kilbourne. This Association convened Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5. A preliminary service was held Friday night in the interest of the Sunday School. The Association had no printed programs. Six able sermons were delivered by various brethren during the gathering. The Petersburg church had received more members by baptism than all the other churches. This number was thirty-six. Some of the churches affiliate with the State Association. Four representatives were present in behalf of the South. Two forward steps were taken: (1) a promotion committee was elected under whose care all the missionary objects of the Association are to be unified; (2) a committee was authorized to present a definite program at the next annual meeting which will be held with the church at Easton.

A number of pastorless churches were reported. Brother L. H. Koehler did fine work along the line of religious education. D. O. Hopkins represented the state work. A large number of subscriptions for the Bulletin were received. Two unique features were the "dollar showers" which were poured upon the children of Hudelson Home and Brother Hafer, and also upon Mrs. Runyan of our Old People's Home.

The Mt. Zion church served dinner and supper both days in a very elaborate manner. The entertainment was of a high order. The delegation was large, especially on Sunday. Brethren G. W. Boyd and M. M. Campbell were re-elected to their respective offices.

PEORIA ASSOCIATION

The forty-ninth Annual Session of the Peoria Association was held with the church at Canton, Sept. 15-17. A very strong program had been prepared. Pastor Pierce of Toulon, preached the introductory sermon upon the "Musts of Jesus." Assistant Pastor Rowland, of Peoria, preached the doctrinal sermon. He dealt with the verse "That we should be to the praise of His glory who first trusted in Christ." This Association has a very active Missionary Committee, that brought out in its report that only nine churches are self supporting and that fourteen churches are under the jurisdiction of the committee. Three or four fields are now pastorless. Dr. Hazen brought the memorial message. Special mention was made of the death of Geo. B. McKee, who was suddenly called away from the Canton church. About 240 baptisms had been recorded in the church letters. Outside speakers were E. P. Brand, L. H. Koehler, F. A. Agar, Miss Boyce, Herbert Hines, A. E. Peterson and D. O. Hopkins. The attendance at the day meetings was not large. The evening services were well patronized by the local people.

The young people had a splendid service Friday afternoon and evening. The Canton people arranged a sumptuous banquet for the young people of the Association. J. C. Hazen and C. B. Hilton are the newly elected officers.

The Canton people were unbounded in their hospitality. Music was provided by the choir. The Harvard plan of entertainment was of a very high order.

QUINCY ASSOCIATION

The Central Baptist church of Quincy entertained this Association most royally. The delegation was not large. Eight

of the nine pastors were present. Eighty-three baptisms were reported. Three men are immediately needed to shepherd four or five of the rural churches. The denominational representatives were present. Mr. Peterson presented certain phases of the New World Movement. Dr. Brand discussed Associational Missions. Director Koehler conducted an open forum. D. O. Hopkins preached upon "The Awakening Church." President Crouch, LaGrange, Mo., who had been supply pastor at Timewell, preached the Annual sermon. The Quincy church made a splendid response to the \$100,000,000 campaign. One noteworthy thing was the Associational Directory, in which the name of each member is given and classified under each church. The Promotion Committee has done good work. The Women's session Tuesday was well represented. Mrs. Runyan told the story of the Old Peoples Home in a most interesting manner. To Brother Meigs the moderator, Brother Taylor, the clerk, and the ladies of the Quincy church are due largely the fine spirit which prevailed.

ASSOCIATIONS

The Bloomfield Association met with the Arcola church, September 15-17. Two hundred thirty-five delegates and visitors attending the meeting registered. It is said by some to have been the finest Association from every standpoint that they had ever attended. Twenty-six churches reported baptisms, amounting to two hundred seventy-five. The various interests of the denomination were well represented and given good time. The Arcola church entertained the Association splendidly, furnishing lodging and all meals free of charge. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Bruggink and his wife are

nicely located in the new parsonage. They are doing good work on that field and the people seem to appreciate them very much.

The Wabash Valley Association met with the Hutsonville church, September 22-24. The weather was fine. All conditions were favorable for a good Association and it was among one of the very best Associations held in the State this year. This Association is only two years old and was made up of six churches. This year two more churches, Willow Hill and Robinson, united with the Association, five of them are in county seat towns. The attendance was very good at all sessions but at night the house was crowded. These churches reported forty-seven baptisms.

Dr. Lamkin is having very great encouragement in his pastorate at Olney and the Flora church has put more than \$3000 repairs on the parsonage for its new pastor, Rev. James Earl Corwin. Rev. I. C. Tedford, a strong preacher and pastor, is supplying the Willow Hill church. Rev. Samuel Hoekstra is pastor at Fairfield and the Robinson and Hutsonville churches propose to unite in giving a good support and calling a pastor as soon as they can find one suitable for that field.

The Hutsonville church entertained the Association royally. Mrs. Boyce of Chicago, Miss Wallace of Rhode Island, Mrs. Runyan of Maywood, Rev. Louis H. Koehler, Director of B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School, Rev. J. B. Little, District Superintendent and Rev. W. H. Breach of Danville, attended the Association. Superintendent E. P. Brand gave a stereopticon lecture on Baptist work in Illinois the second night of the meeting. The Association will probably meet next

year in Fairfield. Rev. J. L. Cox and Rev. D. H. Clements, two elderly ministers of that section of the state and who live close to Hutsonville, were present much time in the meetings. There are some very strong laymen in that Association who seem inclined to take hold of the work with much interest. We are expecting rapid growth among our Baptist people in that part of the State.

A meeting of Associational representatives met in Chicago September 10. Five of the State Convention workers met with them. Nearly all the Associations were represented. Director Peterson presented the amount asked from each Association and the amount subscribed. On account of counting members of Negro churches and Foreign speaking churches and some affiliated with the South the assignment to Illinois, \$7,108,000 was too large. Yet a strong effort was made and \$2,528,021 have been subscribed and many of our churches have not been heard from. Very many will make their canvass this fall and some next spring. The men and women who attended in Chicago were enthusiastic and hopeful and all seemed to feel that we are living in a new day; a time of great opportunities and at a time when the great majority of Baptists are trying to live up to their opportunities. We have rarely had a more hopeful or successful meeting than the one in Chicago.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Much discussion has recently been carried on with regard to the boys and girls attending the preaching service. It seems as though many Sunday School teachers make but little effort to teach their pupils that they ought to remain at church for the preaching service and

many leaders of the B. Y. P. U. seem opposed to making announcements in the Sunday evening service that a preaching service will follow and do not encourage the young people to stay. Young people in their teens and younger need the influence of the regular service and the sermon. If the churches are to measure up to the standard and responsibilities that are coming upon them, they must train their young people to appreciate the preaching service. Many parents are to blame for their children drifting away from the service. The time was when father and mother and the boys and girls would sit in the same pew in church. That was a good custom and it is unfortunate that our families have largely drifted away from that habit. It seems to this writer that the young people would like that custom if it were introduced again and that very many young people and children that drift away from the church after Sunday School or Young People's meeting would remain at church if the parents would request them to remain and sit in the same pew. If parents would make it a rule and custom while they are young the children in many cases would continue the custom when they are older.

A WORD TO PASTORS

During the past twenty-two years there has not been a year passed but what very serious complaint has come to us on the part of some pastor because of a former pastor visiting on his field. Some pastors after they leave the field will occasionally make visits back to that field. If he was a popular pastor when he was on that field it is very pleasant for him to visit the people occasionally, but the more popular he was the more difficult will his visits make the work of

his successor. We are of the candid opinion that a pastor should remain on the field as long as it is wise for him to do so. Very many do not remain long enough, but it is also our opinion that if a pastor leaves a field and a successor is called he should remain away from that field unless called back on some urgent occasion, but for the former pastor to go back on his field and spend some days in visiting is not treating his successor with the proper appreciation. A word to the wise is sufficient.

The Central Church of Quincy of which Rev. R. V. Meigs is pastor, seems to be doing good work. The church is united in the work. They have \$18,000 cash and the Vermont St. meeting house and one parsonage. They raised more than \$40,000 on the Forward Movement. They have decided to make a campaign in December for \$200,000 for a new building. They have asked for Dr. Divine of the Home Mission Society, to aid them in this campaign.

The Danvers church, ten miles from Bloomington, during the past year has remodeled its meeting house in a very thorough manner. They expended \$14,000 in the repairs and the present building is almost as beautiful and as convenient as it is possible to make it and it is large enough for that church and community. Deacon Skaggs was one of the constituent members of the church. He had reached the age of about ninety-six or ninety-seven years and was hale and hearty until the last. He worshipped in the new building one Sunday early in August, and the next Sunday was buried from it. The church is now pastorless but is hoping to locate a pastor soon. Mr. Frank Fagerburg, a student,

supplied the church in a very satisfactory manner the last year and had splendid success in building up the church. He has now entered Newton Theological Seminary.

COLLECTING THE PLEDGES

It is with great satisfaction that we can report a steady inflow of money at the State Promotion Headquarters in Chicago. A number of churches over the state mail us a check or draft each month remitting the full amount on hand for the New World Movement. This is as it should be and the churches making these regular responses are increasing in number and will keep on increasing as the task of collecting the funds gets fully under way.

Church treasurers will please note again that the State Office is now located at Room 1433, Stevens Building, Chicago, and that all funds in hand should be regularly remitted by the 5th of each month.

THE ILLINOIS PROMOTION PROGRAM

At a recent meeting of Associational Promotion Chairmen held in Chicago the following program was worked out as a guide for promotion work in the State for the next few months—pastors are requested to study this carefully and to adopt such parts of it as are adaptable to their own local situation.

ILLINOIS PROMOTION PROGRAM

September, 1920—May 1, 1920

Sept.-Nov.

First Period

1. Follow-up work in churches that have not made the canvass.
2. Completing canvass in churches where the task was only partially done.
3. Effort to secure subscriptions from larger givers.

4. Lists of "specifics."
5. Pastor's conferences in each Association.
6. Persistent education in stewardship.
7. Denominational Press period—"The Baptist" and "Missions" and Baptist Bulletin" in every Baptist home—month of October.
8. Membership week in women's missionary society—Oct. 31-Nov. 7.
9. Diligent effort to collect money due on pledges already made to New World Movement.

January to Easter
(The Local Church)

Second Period

1. Evangelism.
2. Life Enlistment.
3. Decision Days.
4. The Family Altar and the Family Pew, or The Home and The Church.

April (Anniversary month)

Third Period

1. Pay-up Sunday.
2. New subscriptions for N. W. M. in churches already canvassed.
3. Increases in subscriptions previously made.
4. Joint canvasses for current expenses and N. W. M. where desired—A. E. Peterson.

at all of our services, the month of August has been the best since last December. This is true of the mid-week as well as the Sunday services." Brother Stevens writes that some Baptists are moving into Rochelle and several persons have been received for baptism.

Rev. J. B. Little is kept very busy on his territory as District Superintendent. He spent a week or ten days in special meetings at the Pacific Union church in the Greene-Jersey Co. Association. He has done splendid work in the Wabash Valley Association and the people appreciate him there very highly. He will attend some more Associational meetings and then conduct a brief meeting at Lebanon.

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk closed a successful series of meetings with the Zenobia Baptist church in the Springfield Association on September 27th. During the meeting thirty-one decisions were made. The evangelist before leaving baptized twenty-one persons. Others are to be received for baptism. Five persons united with the church by experience. The church was greatly strengthened by the meetings and a great appreciation was shown to the evangelist by the splendid offering which was made for his work. He is now with the Steuben church in the Peoria Association. He will go to Galva to hold a meeting following the State Convention.

District Superintendent George H. Yule assisted Rev. C. W. Webb, pastor of the Wood River church for one week in making an every member canvass of that church for Current Funds and a building proposition. Brother Webb writes that they closed the campaign with \$24,641.41 for all purposes for a period of three years and there will remain of this for the building fund \$19,241.41.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

Our Missionary among the colored people, Rev. J. E. Jones, seems to be very busy traveling over the State among the colored churches. He is employed by the Negro State Convention and the Illinois Baptist State Convention in co-operation.

Rev. H. B. Stevens writes from Rochelle as follows: "In point of attendance

This is a splendid showing for that church. He says they only raised about \$700.00 from outside the membership of the church. This church was organized only a few years ago and is certainly doing fine work. Brother Webb says: "Brother Yule came on Monday the 20th and did us a magnificent work and is gone to another field rejoicing. We are holding up our hands with thanksgiving for his splendid victory."

District Superintendent J. C. Dent is at this time assisting Rev. W. H. Dickman in meetings at the Damascus church. At the last writing they were having a good attendance and good prospects for a good meeting. An effort will be made to supply the church at Lena a part of the time with the pastor on the Damascus field.

CHURCHES

Evangelist Taylor of Los Angeles, Cal. assisted Pastor Fred F. Johnson in meetings at Graymont. Fifty-three made a profession of faith. Thirty-five have been baptized and more will follow. On a recent Monday night a liberal purse was given to the pastor for his efforts in conserving the results of the campaign. This has been a great year for the Graymont church as all former records have been surpassed in benevolence, Sunday School, Ladies' work and baptisms. Some repairing has been done on the church and parsonage.

Dr. L. D. Lamkin has been holding meetings at the Elvaston church, assisting Pastor J. T. Finnan. We have not yet learned the results of the meeting. Pastor Finnan writes: "I have discovered ten Baptists in the town of Hamilton and I would like to get their subscriptions for the Baptist. There is no Baptist church at Hamilton so I am try-

ing to get them to unite with the Elvaston church. Several of them have promised to do so. We are planning on holding a service for them at Hamilton on Sunday afternoons as soon as our revival services at Elvaston are over."

Rev. Frank G. Sayer, pastor of the Freeport church, writes: "Everything is proceeding satisfactorily. Excellent attendance in both morning and afternoon services, also prayer meeting. Anticipate average of 125 this fall and winter at prayer services. Organized class of twenty in Teacher Training. Parsonage now being remodeled and renovated throughout."

Rev. E. B. Fitzpatrick, pastor of the Hopkins Park church, writes: "The church has unanimously voted to go ahead with the effort and build, the Lord willing, as soon as possible." The Hopkins Park church was totally destroyed by fire, having been struck by lightning.

Rev. James Ostema, pastor of the Savannah church writes as follows: "The work is getting along nicely. Received seven new members during the past few weeks, three by letter and four on confession of faith. Baptized three of these last Sunday night." Brother Ostema says he has just recovered from a severe affliction and operation and is now in the harness again and feels stronger than ever.

Rev. J. E. Corwin seems to be having good success with his work at Flora. He writes September 7th: "We have taken in seven new members since coming here and are looking forward to several more in the near future." The church repaired the parsonage to the extent of \$3000. It is now occupied by the pastor's family.

Ashland Church: "Things are looking up. I prophesy a good year for the

church. During the ten months I have been here, we have received into the church about 25 by letter and baptism. The pastor has been presented with a Ford coupe by one of the good families of the church. We are preparing to put on our every member canvass Sept. 12th with a Rally Day service, a basket dinner, and a Fellowship meeting in the afternoon. Our Sunday School is looking up. We have a faithful Superintendent in the person of Mrs. E. A. Walbaum."—F. V. Wright.

Rev. Judson Macintosh, pastor of the church at Sterling, writes as follows: "Our work is moving on some. Seventeen were baptized recently and I can only say that I am everlastingly at it." Brother Macintosh seems to be doing hopeful and successful work at Sterling.

PASTORAL CHANGES

The Raritan church has been pastorless since Pastor Weddington resigned last February, but they recently called Rev. P. H. Blunt of Havana and he is now on the field. That is a splendid church with good opportunities for the future.

Rev. J. W. Neyman was called from Iowa to the Eastern Ave. Baptist church in Joliet to supply in place of his son who had taken army work. The son resigned and the church called his father to become its pastor. He has been there several years. The Missouri Valley Baptist church of Iowa, a very attractive field with a nice new meeting house, gave him a call and he is resigning the Joliet field to return to Iowa. Brother Neyman did good work while in Illinois and we regret to have him leave.

The following is a recent report of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon. Rev. H. E. Truex, D.D., pastor. Sum-

mary of Annual Report: Total number of additions 31. Church expenses \$3,796.94. Building Fund. \$1,885.00. Sunday School Expenses, \$652.11. Printing Minutes, \$5.00. For New World Movement, \$1,893.91. Grand total, \$8,232.95

The Alton Association met with the 2d Baptist church of Mt. Vernon, September 21st-October 1. The attendance was not large on account of the long distance of Mt. Vernon from most of the churches, but nearly all the churches were represented and the people expressed themselves as feeling that it was one of the best meetings that Association has held in many years. The Second church with some assistance from First church entertained the Association splendidly. Rev. J. W. Patterson has been the pastor for three years and is greatly appreciated by his people. They have invited him to remain another year but they have not yet expressed their appreciation of him by an increase of salary. We hope they will do this soon. Brother Patterson is one of our State Convention Missionaries. Twenty-seven of the thirty churches of the Association had sent in letters when the writer left the meeting. These churches reported 201 baptisms and 217 added to the churches by letter, restorations and experience; total additions to the churches 418 members. The outlook for the Alton Association is quite hopeful.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. T. L. Stephens of Aurora, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Tremont church in Bloomington Association. Brother Stephens has been pastor of the Claim St. Church in Aurora for several years and has done splendid

work. We hope that he will have as equally good success at Tremont.

Rev. L. E. Pelton of Waukon, Iowa, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Aledo and Enon churches, supplying the Enon church from Aledo. This makes a good field and Mr. Pelton comes well recommended from Iowa.

Rev. W. B. Morris, former Sunday School director in Illinois and for the past year pastor at Winchester, has accepted a call to the church in Champaign. That church made an effort to secure Brother Morris as its pastor eleven years ago, but he would not give up the Sunday School work at that time.

PERSONAL

Rev. O. E. Myerscough, who resigned his church at Frankfort Heights in order to enter Shurtleff College this fall, has accepted the pastorate of the O'Fallon church in connection with his school work, but he was unable to secure a house in which to live in Alton so he rented a house in Lebanon and will attend the Methodist College and supply the church at O'Fallon. It is exceedingly unfortunate that houses are so difficult to get in many places. Brother Myerscough reports the work in the church at O'Fallon as looking up hopefully.

INCREASE OF SALARIES

The Roodhouse Church, of which Rev. Russell A. Rapson has been pastor for four years, on Sunday, September 12th, increased his salary \$300.00. Pastor Rapson writes: "Prospects for the fall and winter are good."

Recently the Osceola church had a business meeting and increased the salary of its pastor to \$2250.00 and parsonage. This makes an increase of \$950.00 in thirteen months.

The Baptist Old People's Home

Maywood, Illinois
Mrs. A. W. Runyan, Sec'y.

The Field Secretary has spent a busy month attending Associations, thus bringing the delegates of the various churches in closer touch with the Home. We sincerely hope the pastors and delegates will report to their churches conditions and needs of the Home, and that many churches, women's societies and Sunday schools will join our Calendar Plan for the Home. In case your church was not represented at the Associations when this was presented and you have no report, write the Field Secretary (address below), and full particulars will be sent; also other information about the Home.

These cool days remind us that coal will soon be needed and if fruit, vegetables or eggs are to be sent to the Home it should be collected and sent before freezing weather. Fresh or canned fruits, vegetables or anything to help stock up for winter, that will save our cash to meet other necessary bills, will be very acceptable. Plan a Harvest or Thanksgiving offering for the Home.

The annual meeting of the corporation will be held at the Home, Saturday, Oct. 16th at 6:30 p. m. Contributing churches are entitled to send a representative to this meeting.

Mrs. A. W. Runyan,

Field Secretary.

57-2 Maryland Ave., Chicago.

"On July 9, Rev. Lance A. Mantle and his wife sailed from New Orleans for Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. Thence they cross Guatemala by railway and take a ship on the Pacific side to Amapala, Honduras. From Amapala there is no railway, but they can proceed by automobile to their destination.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS****Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.****Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron****HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE****Rev. N. T. Hafer, Supt.****Mrs. N. T. Hafer, Matron**

Time has slipped by so rapidly that one can hardly realize that September is about over. September is always a busy month at the Home.

The beginning of the month vacationists are returning—then again school takes up and school books and extra supplies of clothing and shoes must be provided. Consequently the matron and her helpers have to be at the work early and late.

In the ordinary family it is quite a task to look after two or three children and prepare them for school. One can imagine the patience and perseverance it takes to fit out sixty to sixty-five for school.

At this writing our boy's department is overcrowded and many applications are on our waiting list but we have fewer girls than usual, owing to the fact that quite a number of our older girls that were in the Home for a number of years, after graduating from grammar school and some from business course in the High School, started out to do for themselves and others have not come in as yet to fill their places.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting and Bazaar will be held at the Home, Tuesday, October 26. Reports of the year's work will be given, officers elected, etc.

Contributing churches, Sunday schools, Young People's societies and individual contributors as well as State Convention representatives are urged to come.

Luncheon served at 12:30 p. m.

Work at the Home is running smoothly at this writing with no illness and a good spirit of contentment. Several children have come lately, but others have gone, so the number continues around 85. We cannot accommodate many more until new beds, ordered long ago, shall arrive. Naturally the long drawn-out improvement work is getting on our nerves somewhat but it seems impossible to hurry it. While we feel that conditions are quite satisfactory we see much that still needs to be done.

We have filled the vacancies occasioned by Mr. Olson's resignation and by the departure of the superintendent's son for the U. of I. Mr. and Mrs. Orus H. Hill, of Norris City, will begin work with us soon, Mr. Hill to take Mr. Olson's work and Mrs. Hill to become cook. A farm hand has also been secured at least temporarily. The silo is being filled with sunflowers. About 60 bushels of peaches were canned and 25 bushels of pears are being taken care of.

On Labor Day the Centralia Sunday School picnicked with us as usual. Our truck and "flivver" helped to bring the people from the street car line. Our children always expect a big dinner on Labor Day and the picnic brings it.

The next big event at the Home will be the annual corporation meeting and home gathering on Tuesday, October 12th. Every co-operating church should appoint a delegate and also send as many visitors as possible. Bring lunch if you wish, but come anyhow. It is to be a day of pleasure as well as business.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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Wanted—Leaders and Readers! The Reading Contest of the Illinois Women's Missionary Societies begins immediately after the State Convention. Leaders, get your readers to work at earliest possible moment after the announcement of the books selected. Do not lose one month or three months—or more. Begin early, and lead your readers into reading the entire fourteen books.—Mrs. H. W. Reed.

The echo from the Summer School held in Upper Alton is a little late in reaching us, but it was such a fine success that we want all who live near enough to have attended and could have done so, but did not, to learn that they missed a good time and something which would have made their lives richer.

The personnel of the faculty was fine; the instruction could not have been better, and all who took class work were much interested and appreciative.

The Alton people and all others did everything possible to make the gathering a success and succeeded.

A questionnaire for a conference of methods on mission work has been sent to each association in the state by the Home Director, Mrs. Louderback, and the Foreign State Secretary, Mrs. L. A. Vinnedge. It is hoped these will assist the women in the different associations to conduct the conferences and learn the needs and opportunities of each Association.

An interesting fact developed from the \$100,000,000 drive in the Berwyn church, Chicago. Miss Effie M. Hoover of Monmouth, became interested and a great longing developed to do special Christian work. She applied to the W. A. B. H. M. Society and has been appointed to the Mission School among the Crow Indians, in Montana.

Miss Marian Kimble of Galesburg, former Elementary Director for the State Convention, received the highest marks in the preliminary examination for the scholarship offered to the state by the Baptist Missionary Training School. We extend congratulations.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. G. A. McKee, president of the Peoria Association because of the sudden death of her husband. Mr. McKee was pastor of the Baptist church in Canton and had done a splendid work there.

Miss Josephine Sandford, a missionary from Nellore, India, is to speak at several associations in Illinois during September. She will also do some field work between associations.

Mrs. Adah H. Boyce who has been appointed missionary supervisor for fourteen states in the middle west, is attending some of the Associations and speaking for the Woman's Work and the Board of Promotion.

Mrs. C. A. Bradshaw of Fairbury, has been appointed chairman of White Cross work for the Bloomington Association.

Department of Religious Education

Chairman Rev. Herbert Hines, El Paso, Director Rev. Louis H. Koehler, Normal

Among the Associations: The suggestive program sent out by the state director was quite generally used by the various Associations and the following topics were thoughtfully discussed with profit: Advantages of a graded curriculum, The minister and teacher training, Young people and the morning church service, A church training department. The round table period was unusually successful and the printed questions were found to be vital and suggestive. The Bloomfield Association created a department of religious education and with Miss Bessie Winchester as executive secretary, a splendid work is assured for the coming year. The Salem Association department reported a year of foundation work. Here are a few items from that report—A report from every school and every society, only three letters out of 125 being unanswered, receipts \$38.09 an associational institute conducted, a life recruit secured who is now in a training institute in Chicago, one society attained standard and a three year program drafted. The new Wabash Valley Association appointed a committee on religious education and with Mr. A. C. Everingham as chairman a splendid piece of work will result. The Central Association also appointed a committee to cover this field of work with Mr. B. F. Tucker of Havana, chairman, and Mrs. E. E. Dawson, as secretary. The work of other Associations may be reported later.

A Society at Work: When the director addressed the Upper Alton B. Y. P.

U. during the Summer Assembly, he spoke of the need of more study and less topics. Representatives of the First Church of Alton present took up with the suggestion and at a recent meeting reported that 18 copies of Dawley's "Truths That Abide" had been purchased and that the months of October and November would be given to the study of this text. This Society recently had a meeting discussing tasks and at the close of the meeting distributed slips of paper on which was written a task to be done that week. Reports were made at the next meeting, some of which were as follows: I drew "Attend the prayer meeting," and I did so. Another I drew "Write letter to Ruth" (evidently a member away at college) and I did so. Another I drew "Secure subscription to Missions" and I secured two subscribers. Another, "Make call upon young woman at Y. W. C. A." and I did so, but was unsuccessful in securing her attendance upon the church service. But I will try again this week. Some called upon the sick and shut-ins and all seemed to like the idea.

Teacher Training Possibilities: Mrs. Meigs' class in Quincy completed the first year work and of the 18 ready for the 2d year work 13 passed successful examination in the first year class. This class meets on Wednesday preceding the prayer service. The enrollment for the 1st year class, to meet at the regular session of the school, is nineteen.

PILGRIM FATHERS

December 21st next, will mark the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth in 1620. The day will be becomingly celebrated at Plymouth under the auspices of the Plymouth Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission and the other localities in Massachusetts. President Wilson issues a proclamation suggesting that the 21st day of December be observed throughout the Union with special patriotic services in order that this great event in the history of America may have proper recognition.

ORDINATIONS

E. Robert Cifiel of Freeport, was recently ordained in that city. The pastor of the Savanna church offered the ordination prayer and the pastor at Damascus gave the charge to the candidate. This brother expects to take up work in Africa the coming year.

The Ordination Service of Claude Richmond occurred at Tiskilwa, September 10th, 1920, with appropriate services. H. E. Miles of Walnut, chief examiner. Seven churches of the Ottawa Baptist Association in council with six ministers and eleven lay members.—Rev. W. L. Sharp, Moderator, and W. M. Young, Clerk.

Rev. Frank Woodhull, pastor of the Cordova church, writes: "We are planning for an all-day meeting the 17th of October. Would be pleased if you could come. A Harvest Home meeting. Since I saw you at the Rock Island Association we have had twelve conversions in our church. Have baptized four and four are waiting. Eight more we hope to receive soon. Also three letters are waiting action of church. We are very

grateful to God for his blessings upon us."

POPULATION OF U. S.

The census reports for 1920 are not yet complete but they are nearly enough complete to furnish some interesting information. It is estimated that the population of this country is now 105,768,000. Of this population 54,796,100 are in cities and towns of 2500 population or more; and 50,972,000 in rural districts and towns of less than 2500. This gives 7,000,000 more people in the towns and cities than in the villages and country. Ten years ago this was reversed by about the same number. During the past ten years the city population has increased by about 12,172,000 and the population in rural districts during the same period has increased by about 1,623,000. One of the serious, if not alarming conditions of our country is the great increase of our city population.

RESERVATIONS FOR STATE CONVENTION

The pastor of the Kewanee church requests that all persons desiring entertainment, that is lodging and breakfast, during the Convention at Kewanee, send him their name. Address Rev. L. C. Trent, Kewanee, Illinois.

"John Huss was burned at the stake at Constance in 1415, and the five hundredth anniversary of the event therefore, fell in 1915. On account of war conditions in Austria at that time it was impossible adequately to observe the occasion, and the celebration was postponed. It has just taken place with appropriate ceremonies at Prague."

"It is estimated that there are 300,000 lepers in British India, and that not more than 9,000 of these are in institutions where they can get proper care."

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The Illinois Baptist State Convention met in Kewanee, October 18-21. This was the seventy-sixth anniversary of the Convention. In some respects the reports of the past year's work were the most encouraging of any year of its history. The attendance of the Convention was perhaps the largest in its history and the interest all through was very fine. Five hundred eighty-one delegates and visitors registered and possibly not less than one hundred came in automobiles and attended one or two or more sessions and did not register. The entertaining church of which Rev. L. C. Trent has been pastor for about twelve years, did nobly in entertaining the State Convention. Everybody seemed well pleased with Kewanee and the church.

The report of the Convention Board, as read by Superintendent E. P. Brand, showed that more than seventy Missionaries had been supported in whole or part by the State Convention Board, and through their work 1,301 had been added to the churches. The four District Superintendents had raised for all purposes \$100,206. The report showed that all financial obligations of the State Convention had been paid with an encouraging surplus in the treasury. The Permanent Funds have been increased to \$85,020.46. All of which, except \$2,024, are invested in farm mortgages in central Illinois.

On the first night of the Convention, Rev. Charles Durden of East St. Louis, preached an excellent sermon before the Pastoral Union and Dr. J. Y. Aitchison spoke for one hour upon the General Promotion Board. The women held a session in the Congregational church all day Tuesday. It was well attended and a good meeting was reported. Much important business was transacted by the Convention Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday night Dr. J. B. Thomas of Chicago, preached one of his old-fashioned heart-stirring sermons and it was followed by an address on the "New World Movement in the Orient," by Miss Nellie G. Prescott of New York. All day Wednesday was given up to addresses upon various topics and the work of the State Promotion Board. Addresses were given by Mrs. W. P. Topping of Elgin; Dr. Gilbert Brink of Philadelphia; Rev. G. P. Mitchell, D.D., of Iowa; Dr. Howland Hanson of Morgan Park; Mrs. John Chapman and others. Wednesday night was given up to the reading of the report of the Board and to the introduction of State Convention Missionaries. Twenty-two men were introduced and made short spicy speeches. Every one seemed to enjoy that session very much. Rev. J. J. Ross of Chicago, led the Convention in devotionals for about one-half hour the mid-

dle of each forenoon. Thursday morning was taken up with business and Thursday afternoon was given to B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School work. The closing addresses on Thursday night were given by Rev. G. T. Soares, Ph.D., of Chicago, and Dr. Euclid B. Rogers, of Springfield.

The house was crowded the last night of the meetings as it had been every night throughout the session. President George M. Potter of Shurtleff College, made an excellent presiding officer and was unanimously re-elected for the following year. Rev. B. E. Allen, the Secretary, was re-elected for another year. The Convention voted to meet next year with the First Baptist church of Rockford. It has not met in that section of the state for thirty-five years. The Convention increased the salaries of nearly all its workers for the coming year.

POINTS TO BE REMEMBERED

The State Convention has six District Superintendents and Evangelists giving their whole time to the work. They are on a fairly reasonable salary. The Convention pays them for salary and expense which they lack raising on the field. We keep these men in the work for any field that needs them. We do not want them to be a financial burden to any church, and yet if we would send them to any church without that field making a reasonable effort according to its ability to pay a fair proportion of their salary it would be a detriment rather than a help to that church. Let it be remembered then:

1. These men must be paid from some source. If the Convention pays them, the money comes from the churches somewhere.

2. When they go to aid a pastor, that pastor should not say to his people,

"These men are paid by the Convention and the Missionary will get his salary whether the church does much or not."

3. A church may not be able to raise one-half or one-fourth what the Missionary costs the Convention, and it will be all right and help will cheerfully be given if the church seems to have made an honest effort to do the fair thing financially.

4. The Missionary knows about the strength of the church and some other people know it and it leaves an unpleasant remembrance of that church if they try to get help from other churches and do not make a reasonable effort to help themselves.

5. Do not think hard of the Missionary if he makes a reasonable effort at the end of the meeting to raise money for his work or if he asks an offering for one Sunday. He knows that other churches are paying him and he should not wholly give his time to fields that are able to pay in part.

6. The conditions of these men going to any field are as follows:

(a) A good room and board if a church can furnish it. If a church is too poor for this we will secure a room and board him in a hotel.

(b) Give him encouragement to make reasonable effort for a contribution at the end of the meeting. Some fields pay the full salary for two or three weeks and more. Some pay one-half and some one-fourth. There are no back bills.

Wanted: To buy old church pews for a little church, 24 by 40, built by the Church of God's people (not Latter Day Saints), at Marblehead, Illinois. Address Mrs. George Hickerson, Quincy, Illinois, R. R. No. 4.

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IT was inspiring to be in company with
so large a delegation of earnest faith-
ful Christians as attended the State Con-
vention. Five hundred eighty-one en-
rolled and perhaps seventy-five or one
hundred came in automobiles and went
home over night and did not register.

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EVERYBODY seems to speak well
of the program. It was compre-
hensive and up to date and every one on
the program seemed to have made good
preparation. The addresses and papers
were fine.

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ALL the people were well pleased
with State Convention night. No
part of the program seemed to have been
more appreciated by any one. The Su-
perintendent read the report of the Mis-
sionary and Executive Board and intro-
duced twenty-two Missionaries and each
one made a short speech.

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ALL the people greatly enjoyed the
devotional half-hour led by Dr.
Ross of Chicago, Wednesday and Thurs-
day forenoon. His talks were plain ex-
positions of the word and they seemed
to get hold of the hearts of the people.
Dr. Ross is not yet very well known in
this state. He has been pastor of the 2d
church of Chicago for about two years.

THE Editor could not be in the
meetings Wednesday afternoon and
Thursday afternoon, but he heard those
sessions well spoken of. Director Koeh-
ler and his helpers gave a good session
on Thursday afternoon on Sunday
School and B. Y. P. U. work.

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THE Convention made a reasonable
increase on the salary of all its ap-
pointees. It felt that the cost of liv-
ing required this, and the Convention
Board hopes that every church that can
possibly do it will give its pastor a sub-
stantial increase in salary.

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PASTOR L. C. Trent and his people
did splendidly in entertaining the
Convention. The Editor heard no com-
plaint but everybody seemed well pleased
with Kewanee. Next year we go to
Rockford, near the Wisconsin border.
Rockford is now a great city. About
75,000 people. Three large strong
White Baptist churches. Rockford is
looking forward with much interest to
our coming.

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THE Superintendent visited the Iowa
State Convention at Keokuk, Octo-
ber 29th. The meeting was quite well at-
tended and considerable interest was
manifested. Some rather difficult things
were discussed. The Iowa Baptists are
a great body of people. We enjoyed
speaking for them.

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THE two sermons preached by Pastor
Charles Durden of East St. Louis
and Dr. J. B. Thomas of Chicago, were
very fine efforts. They were both true
to the fundamental truths of the Gospel
and they were up to date in their state-
ments.

THE last night was a great meeting. Every part of the house; gallery and side rooms were crowded. Dr. Soares of the University of Chicago, gave a fine address. This was followed by a splendid address by Dr. E. B. Rogers, of Springfield. Dr. Rogers had but short time for preparation as he substituted for Dr. Geistweit, but he captured his people and made a fine closing up for the Convention.

BANQUETS

The General Banquet at Kewanee on Thursday evening was a great success. The hall where it was held was full, but not over crowded. The addresses by all four of the speakers were good. Pastor Chessman acted well as toastmaster.

The dinner for the Missionaries at noon Wednesday was quite successful. The room was overcrowded and one table had to be arranged outside. Thirty-nine of the State Convention Missionaries took dinner together at the expense of the Convention. There is something pleasant and congenial for these state workers to sit together at a meal once a year; have conversation and short addresses and to feel that the Convention desires to show its appreciation of their work by furnishing this dinner.

The Shurtleff Banquet was a large affair this year. A large room crowded full of people, enthusiastic for Shurtleff College. Shurtleff College under the efficient management of President Potter is coming to the front and is now getting into a position to do much greater things in the future.

President Potter made a splendid presiding officer of the Convention. There were times when it would have been easy to make a serious mistake. Times when

only the good judgment and wise ruling of the President saved the Convention from embarrassment; but each time President Potter did just the right thing. We do not wonder that he was unanimously chosen for another year.

STATISTICAL REPORT, NEW WORLD MOVEMENT

GROUP I. Churches over the top:

Number of churches in this group	27
Total membership -----	6683
Total allotment -----	\$494,048.00
Amount subscribed with	
credits -----	521,917.42
Amount over-subscribed----	27,869.42
Per capita subscriptions for	
5 year period -----	78.10
Per capita subscription per	
year -----	15.62
Per capita subscription for	
year ending April 1, 1919	
(Victory Campaign) -----	5.65
Per capita subscription for	
year ending April 1, 1918	
(Million Dollar Drive)---	4.90

Note: The subscription for the New World Movement in this group of churches represents an increase of 218.7 per cent over year ending April 1, 1918, and an increase of 176.1 per cent over year ending April 1, 1919.

GROUP II. Churches making canvass but not reaching allotment:

Number of churches -----	221
Total membership -----	54,009
Total allotment -----	\$5,252,924.00
Amount subscribed with	
credits -----	2,061,397.57
Balance due on allotment--	3,191,526.43
Per capita subscription for	
5 year period -----	38.11
Per capita subscription per	
year -----	7.62

Per capita subscription for
all benevolences for year
ending April 1, 1919--- 4.58

Per capita subscription for
all benevolences for year
ending April 1, 1918--- 2.87

Note: (a) The subscription for New World Movement in this group of churches represents an increase of 165.1 per cent over year ending April 1, 1918, and of 66.4 per cent for year ending April 1, 1919.

Note: (b) If the churches in this group had subscribed on the same per capita basis as Group I (78.10) they would have produced the sum of \$4,218,102.80.

GROUP III. Churches that have made no canvass:

Number of churches ----- 153

Total membership ----- 16,984

Total allotment ----- \$1,446,149.00

Per capita subscriptions for
all benevolence for year
ending April 1, 1919--- 2.54

Per capita subscription for
all benevolence for year
ending April 1, 1918--- 2.44

Note. If all the churches in Illinois aligned with the State Convention had subscribed on the same per capita basis as the churches comprising Group I, they would have produced the sum of \$6,468,944.90, and we would be today only \$639,055.10 short of the goal.

GROUP IV. Churches receiving allotments but aligned with the State Association (southern):

Number of churches ----- 28

Amount allotted ----- \$ 90,723.00

RECAPITULATION

Amount allotted to the state \$7,108,000.00

Amount subscribed by

Group I ---- \$521,917.42

Amount subscribed by

Group II -- \$2,061,387.57

Amount subscribed by
individuals 3,668.50

Total ----- \$2,586,983.49

Balance due on allotment -- \$4,521,016.51

A. E. PETERSON,

*Director State Board of
Promotion.*

PERSONAL

Rev. H. C. Leland, Ph.D., is now living in Dixon and having rested during the summer, is now able to do supply work, either supplying for single Sundays or between pastorates in northern Illinois. Dr. Leland is a strong preacher and a good pastor and any church would do well to secure his services.

Rev. J. H. Bagwill has been chaplain of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary for a few months. There now seems to be quite an evangelistic work going on in that institution. Since Brother Bagwill began work, about sixty of the prisoners have professed conversion and fully four hundred of them have asked for prayer, raising their hand and writing letters to the chaplain. The manager says that a great change has come over the men of that institution. Recently the state superintendent of prisons was present on a Sabbath. The chaplain writes that fully one-third of the men raised their hands for prayer, and at the close of the service the superintendent said, "Chaplain, that is wonderful. I never saw anything like it."

A PAGEANT FOR THE BIBLE AND MISSIONS

Woman's Mission Circles and other groups studying Mrs. Montgomery's book "The Bible and Missions," should get a copy of the pageant entitled, "A Message

for Man," just published by the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Georgia. It makes a very interesting and appropriate program for use in connection with the book, and offers a very happy plan for public presentation of the significant facts in the text book.

There are seventeen characters (though this number can be reduced if desired), representing the Old and New Testaments, India, China, Burma and other mission fields, Translation, The British and Foreign Bible Society, The American Bible Society, Great Britain, The United States and the World. The costumes are simple and the whole pageant is very impressive. The price is ten cents.

Send for copies to the Literature Department of the General Board of Promotion at any of the following addresses: 276 Fifth Avenue, New York City; 700 Ford Building, Boston, Mass.; 2969 Vernon Avenue, Chicago, Ill.; 506 Columbia Building, Los Angeles.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

The Lena church in the northwestern part of the state has been pastorless for about two or three years, but is now doing regular work again. The clerk of the church writes as follows: "Will write you just a few lines regarding the work which Brother Dent did while in Lena. He called on all the church members and asked them whether they were willing to help support the work of the church and attend the services if arrangements could be made for having any services at all. In nearly every case the members promised to do both. The Rev. Dickman went with him and they solicited the members to see how much they could raise. They succeeded in getting promises to the amount of \$7.10

per Sunday for Brother Dickman. We then extended a call to Brother Dickman as our pastor for afternoon services to begin October first. We have had three beautiful Sundays and have had good attendance at the services. We had thirty-five last Sunday. We certainly think that Brother Dent is a fine man for the work he is doing. We enjoyed his plain gospel talks so much. In fact we think he gave the best talks we have heard for a long time. We appreciate his efforts here very much."

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk has recently closed a meeting with the Steuben church in the Peoria Association. The pastor, Rev. Ray W. Barber, writes as follows: "Brother Dunk closed his meeting on Sunday night. It rained all day Sunday, but we had three happy and blessed meetings. The folks didn't seem to mind plowing through the mud to get to the church. Three came forward Sunday morning. We baptized thirteen Sunday afternoon. We used one of these old wooden staved cattle tanks for the service. This I believe, only made the service more impressive, especially as it was such bad weather. We have received, in addition to those who came by confession and baptism, seven by letter into the Steuben church. This makes the actual working membership of the church thirty."

The clerk of the Geneseo church writes a very encouraging letter concerning the work of Rev. J. C. Dent on that field. She says, "He came here on the 9th of October and preached both morning and evening services Sunday and every evening that week with the exception of Saturday. He made an every-member canvass and secured a pledge from practically every one. I think if Brother Dent could have remained longer that

Geneseo would have experienced a real revival of religion and that is what we need. We shall always love him for his encouraging words and his cheerfulness and for the Gospel he preached."

The East Park church in Decatur requested the services of Rev. George H. Yule to put on an every-member canvass on that field. The Missionary put in a very faithful week's work and raised about \$2,350. The canvass is not yet complete. That is a very important section of the growing city of Decatur and it is very important to locate a man for full time on that field and a strong man is needed. The State Convention will aid that field to some extent if we can secure the right man.

The Tampico church has made remarkable advancement in the past three years. At that time the State Convention had to assist them in raising a \$600 salary and parsonage for a student supply. Now the church is paying a \$1,500 salary without assistance. They have repaired the parsonage and meeting house and the pastor will perhaps supply a small church nearby, increasing his salary \$200 or \$300. This has all been done in three years. Rev. Alex Matheson is pastor of that church at this time. The State Convention District Superintendents helped them in about three efforts on that field.

The Erie church planned to lay the cornerstone for its new church building October 17th, at 3 p. m.

Rev. T. O. McMinn began a meeting at Oak Valley church in Wayne County, in September. He conducted the meeting for one week and became sick and had to close the meeting. There were ten conversions and ten additions to the church by baptism. After being laid aside for ten days on account of sickness he went to the Shiloh church and suc-

ceeded in getting them interested enough to come into the Association. Evangelist McMinn is doing good work among the southern Illinois churches.

Rev. J. T. Finnan, our Missionary pastor at Elvaston, is doing successful work in the town of Hamilton, on the western side of the state, opposite Keokuk, Iowa. He says he has found fifteen Baptists there who have their membership in churches elsewhere. Five of these have already put their letters into the Elvaston church. He states that he expects to baptize two young men from Hamilton who will join the Elvaston church. We hope that he will be able to establish a successful Mission in that town.

Rev. L. E. Setterlund, our Missionary pastor during the past year at Chicago Heights, has closed his work on that field. This leaves an important field where a pastor ought to be located soon.

Rev. Frank Metcalf, the Missionary pastor at Bradford, writes concerning the work on that field. "The painting and decorating and other repairs on the meeting house cost \$1,896, of which \$1,496 has been paid. The church is looking fine. They seem to have taken hold to working with new life. Already we can see improvement in the church attendance. Yesterday I organized a men's Bible class. We had seventeen present. Six persons are waiting for admission to the church by letter."

Rev. Martin S. Bryant, our Missionary pastor at the State University, is having the finest year in the history of that church. The average attendance for the five Sundays in October was: Bible School 122; Morning Church service 189; B. Y. P. U. service 106. These numbers are composed almost wholly of students or families of the faculty. To have that many State University students for a period of four years under the care-

ful religious instruction of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant can scarcely be estimated in its far reaching results. The State Convention never did so great a work along one line of service as when it established a State University church.

OVER AGAINST THE TREASURY

Today as in the olden time the Master sits over against the treasury, and watches while men cast their possession therein. We are imitating him in this, and are watching eagerly with note book and pencil in hand, casting up accounts, reckoning increases, talking of amounts great or small, with our hopes and expectations keyed up to the grand total which we have fixed as our goal. But he sees as we cannot—sees what we cannot. He sees who gives. We may cleverly dodge the campaign director, and the soliciting committee, and the best laid plans of the Board of Promotion, but we cannot dodge him. He knows. And he sees what we give. Well, we can see that, too, in a measure, concerning others as well as ourselves. It is partly a matter of mathematics, but not wholly. He sees the relation of dollars given to the dollars withheld, the relation of offering to ability. We cannot know that. We can only guess at it. And he sees why we give; whether simply because we are ashamed not to give when all about us are giving, or because we find it difficult to escape solicitation, or because of a desire that our church shall not fall below the goal set for it; or whether from a vision of what the movement means and a desire to have part in its realization. But what difference does it make, as long as the money is given? It may make little difference in the footing on our treasurer's books, but the Lord's methods of accounting may not be just like ours. And he sees, again, how we give; whether reluctantly, hesitatingly, as under the compulsion of a law of obligation which we cannot escape; or willingly, joyously, in a spirit of loving surrender not only of our possessions, but of ourselves for the doing of his will and the promotion of his glory. What a difference it would make to most of us if this week we should see back of the collectors and committees the form of our gracious Lord sitting over the treasury as we cast in our gifts!

—Watchman Examiner.

EVANGELISM

Now and for six months ahead of us is the time for special efforts along the

line of Evangelism. There seems to be a tendency in the hearts of the people at this time to turn a willing ear to the evangelistic note. Our evangelists are having good success at this time. But every pastor should be an evangelist in his own church work. One of the strongest evidences God gives a man that he has called him to preach is his success in winning souls to Christ. Very many pastors think they cannot do this and often call upon men of much less ability than they themselves possess to do this most important work for them. Many preachers have but little or no success in evangelistic work because they do not try. They seem to be timid about doing personal work. Any one who will preach the Gospel truth in such a way as to make personal application of it, and will not hesitate to do personal work and will spend much time in praying for individuals will have some success in winning souls to Christ.

In almost every community are many professing Christians who have grown cold spiritually and they need the personal help of some one to get back into active service. This is a great opportunity for the pastor. These people need some one to personally talk with them and in many cases they can be easily reached.

Let every pastor as well as professional evangelist make a special effort from now until Easter to reach the unsaved and the back slidden church members.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. W. W. Ayer, who has been pastor at Mason City for about two years, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Atlanta church. Brother Ayer did a good work at Mason City and we hope

a successor will soon be found for that field.

Rev. A. H. Gage of Chicago, spent a few weeks last summer with the Batavia church. That church has now located Rev. Fred W. Field of Canada on a salary of \$600 beyond what it formerly paid. The outlook for that field seems to be good.

We learn that the Clinton church located a pastor October 1st. We do not know who he is nor where he comes from. Clinton has been pastorless about three years. We are delighted to know they have started up again.

The First Church in Peoria recently increased the salary of its pastor, Rev. Joseph Hazen, \$900, and that of his assistant, Rev. A. V. Rowland, \$300. We have never known Baptist work so hopeful in Peoria.

THE NEW WORLD MOVEMENT

Quite a number of pastors and their churches, that for different reasons did not join in the Great World Movement last spring, are planning now to take up an every-member canvass for this work. That is as it should be and churches that for various causes made only a partial canvass or failed to get as hearty subscriptions as ought to have been given, should now take up this great canvass. Practically the whole denomination is now doing work along this line and it is doing many times more than it ever did before. It is detrimental to any church to stand back and see their brethren push forward in trying to save the world while they are doing but little or nothing. Churches and pastors should not be satisfied to do their Mission work along the same line and to the same extent as was done thirty or forty years ago, while everything else in the world

has taken on new life and is working along a new scale of operation. And especially is this detrimental when they see other brethren and churches getting into line of new and larger methods of work. We hope that every one of the 153 churches affiliated with the State Convention and did not make a canvass on the \$100,000,000 drive will do so this year. We hope that many of the 221 churches that made the canvass and did not reach the goal will strengthen their canvass this year. Perhaps some members of these churches were not canvassed last spring and some did not give as liberally as they should; give them another chance. We are now living in critical times for the cause of Christ in this world and for the condition of the world.

The biggest thing Christians can do for the next five years is the building up and strengthening of the cause of Christ. If Christianity should fail to do its work in the world, our riches would not be worth much.

WOMEN'S MEETING

One great power in the annual meetings of our Convention is the women's meeting. They hold a separate meeting all day Tuesday except the night session. That brings them in large numbers on Monday night and we have more women than pastors in the Pastors' Conference on Monday night. During all the remainder of the meeting the women are present in large numbers. We cannot speak of their meeting in the Congregational church in Kewanee, but we have heard it well spoken of. We saw them coming out of the church for dinner and it appeared as though the church must have been crowded. Their program was very good. The work of the women is

now being more and more incorporated with the general work of the denomination and women are being placed upon the Convention Board and Departments as never before.

Mrs. Iva L. Smith, Executive Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Department of the Salem Association, writes: "Our Associational work is moving along nicely and the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Standard work is receiving more consideration than ever before in the history of the Association. Every Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. and W. W. G. reported this year and we have had plenty of finances to care for the work."

CHRISTIAN AMERICANIZATION CARD (1620-1920)

This is the time to emphasize the Pilgrim Tercentenary with all its significance to Americans of today. The Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society have published an attractive little card bearing a message by Rev. Chas. W. Gilkey, pastor of the Hyde Park Baptist church of Chicago. The card is gotten up in two colors, and is just the thing for use as invitations, or as place cards, or gifts. It sells for two cents a card, or twenty cents a dozen, and can be secured from the Literature Department of the General Board of Promotion at any of the following addresses: 276 Fifth Avenue, New York City; 700 Ford Building, Boston, Mass.; 2969 Vernon Avenue, Chicago, Ill.; 506 Columbia Building, Los Angeles.

FIRST CHURCH, ROCKFORD

Rev. G. A. Sheets has been pastor for six years. The church has made fine progress during that time. The church should have had a new building many

years ago, but that could not be accomplished until the present pastorate. They sold their old lot for \$40,000. They secured one of the finest lots in Rockford. War conditions held them back from building about two years. They have been in the process of building for a year and a half. They now have completed one of the best arranged buildings for Sunday School work in the State. The plant has cost them about \$100,000 and they saved about \$25,000, possibly \$30,000 by not letting the contract, but by buying material and letting contracts by sections. The work seems well done. A beautiful and well constructed parsonage is attached to the church. The week from Oct. 23-31 was given to Dedication exercises. The meetings all through were well attended and very interesting. Dr. George W. Taft preached the dedication sermon. Supt. Brand preached on the last Sunday. No money was raised before hand. Pastor Sheets and his people are to be congratulated.

The State Convention will meet in this house next fall.

CHURCHES

The pastor of the Moweaqua church writes the following newsy note: "September 5th, we opened an evangelistic campaign under the leadership of Evangelist Chas. H. Harrington ofinghamton, N. Y. The campaign was carried on under a tent and there were as many folks outside as inside, many times. The whole community has been stirred and we feel that we will be reaping the results of the meeting for some time to come. The finances of the church are in excellent condition. Nearly \$800 was raised in the campaign, for the campaign budget. Since the coming of the pastor last December forty have come into the

church. A goodly number of them having been received by baptism. We feel very much encouraged."

Rev. L. P. Cassel has been pastor of the Utica church for about one year. During the past year the church has made repairs and improvements on its building amounting to \$900.00. The pastor's salary has been increased \$300.00. There has been an increase in interest and attendance in the regular church services. The Sunday School during the past year had an increase both in the average attendance and the offering over and above the averages for the previous year. The church recently gave the pastor a pound shower at which more than eighty people visited the parsonage.

The Auburn church of which Rev. T. B. Marlan has been pastor for about 3 years, seems to be doing good work. They increased the salary \$200.00. The congregations are good. Seventeen were added to the church last year.

The Marquette Road church in Chicago, of which Rev. A. C. Hodgson is pastor, recently increased his salary \$400.00. Everything seems to be doing well on that field. They have increased on the Benevolent offerings five hundred per cent. The Sunday School and Prayer meetings are good. This is in a resident section of Chicago, nine miles from the loop.

The Herald of Hope church in Urbana of which Rev. Samuel J. Kirkland is pastor, is doing very aggressive work. In eighteen months they have advanced from a supply church to a full pastorate. Brother Kirkland is now giving full time. They raised \$5,000 on the New World Movement.

ENTHUSIASM AND A THOROUGH CANVASS

(By A. E. Peterson.)

A recent Sunday was spent with a church in the state that last spring went over the top with an allotment averaging approximately \$100 per member. As the story of their achievement was told it became apparent that the success achieved by this church was largely due to the presence of two essential features—enthusiasm and thoroughness. The task was not entered into half-heartedly.

The work was not done by a large group—most of it was done by two men, the pastor and a good layman or two. A considerable portion of the constituents reside in the country and some mornings this pair of workers would be on the job early enough to breakfast with a farmer and his family. Such enthusiasm carried the day.

And the canvass was as thorough as it was enthusiastic. All families directly or indirectly connected with the church were listed. And these numbered 122. And out of this number 116 are now paying regularly on subscriptions made to the New World Movement. The above has reference to the Baptist church at Toulon, Illinois.

ERROR CORRECTED

The Superintendent at the State Convention in Kewanee in announcing the next place of meeting stated that Rockford has a population from 35,000 to 40,000. We had not at that time realized how rapidly Rockford has been growing. It has a population of at least 70,000 in the city and some claim that if the suburbs were included they would have a population of about 80,000. This is the rapidly growing city where the State Convention will meet next fall.

"MEN DO GO TO CHURCH"

The Christian Intelligencer gives this summary of the report of church statistics showing that attendance of men is increasing: "Of all the people in the United States, 41,926,854 are church members, an increase of 6,860,000 in ten years, or 20 per cent. There are 227,000 churches, an increase of 15,000. The value of church property is \$1,676,000,000, an increase of \$420,000,000 in ten years. There are 15,721,815 Roman Catholics. From this number should be deducted 15 per cent for infants and children, all of which are included in the Roman Catholic statistics. Less than one-third of the church members in the United States are Roman Catholics. The Roman Catholic proportion in the total membership was 40½ per cent in 1906, in 1919 it was 37½ per cent. In ten years the Roman Catholics gained 10 3/5 per cent, while the Protestant churches gained 23 2/5 per cent. The Baptists gained 26 1/5 per cent; the Disciples 24 1/5 per cent; the Presbyterians 23 1/5 per cent; the Methodists and Episcopalians 23 1/5 per cent; the Congregationalists and Lutherans 13 per cent. The Universalists are losing, having today only 59,000 members. The Unitarians have only 82,000. The percentage of men in nearly all Protestant churches is increasing. It is now 43 9/10 per cent."

"A CHEERING ADVANCE"

Rev. A. B. Howell reports that our churches in Cuba have at present many local needs which they are attempting to meet and are expecting to raise about \$500,000 in different parts of the field. These funds are entirely for local purposes; some for church buildings and social center work. In addition to this, they are raising \$5,000 to take care of the Baracoa and Santa Cruz del Sur missions and also to open up new missions in other needy places. The Home Mission Society of the Eastern Cuba Convention, which was organized at the last meeting in Camaguey, is a live body and is planning to carry on the mission work thoroughly. At the present time, not counting the money used in the Cristo schools, these churches are taking care of fifty-six per cent of all the mission expenses, and this year the amount will be sixty per cent."

"Indian givers will come to have large significance as a phrase if the examples set by native Creek Indians continue. As details show elsewhere, the total of the recent gifts by Indian men and women is \$81,000, made to the Home Mission Society for our educational work at Bacone College and for the Morrow Orphanage. Twenty-one tribes are represented now at Bacone.—Missions."

The Baptist Old People's Home

Maywood, Illinois
Mrs. A. W. Runyan, Sec'y.

Members of the Home and the Board of Managers wish to thank all those who have recently given such practical evidence of genuine and sympathetic interest in the Home by sending barrels and boxes of fresh and canned fruit. The response to this request has been generous and being accompanied by letters expressing the loving thought and joy with which the donors prepared and gave the good things they will be enjoyed even more than things which money can buy; as well as saving our cash for some comforts which money alone can buy.

The plan of caring for the Home at an average expense of \$30 per day has also met with response from quite a number of individuals and organizations—for instance, a recent letter encloses \$30 to care for the Home on the birthday of the donor's little grandson, who had "gone Home," two others a Thanks offering for little grandchildren who are spared them. An aged blind lady who has good children to care for her, gives to support the Home for a day. But there still remain other days on our calendar to be provided for—will you, your church or Sunday school give an offering at Thanksgiving and care for a day's expense at the Home?

Others who can and may wish to send fruit or eggs please do so before cold weather makes it impossible to send it. Send fruit and articles for bazaar direct to the Home, 316 Fourth street, Maywood, Ill., and a letter at the same time notifying us to be on the lookout for it.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS****Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.****Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron****HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE****Rev. N. T. Hafer, Supt.****Mrs. N. T. Hafer, Matron**

Our fiscal year closed the 30th of September and the month of October, this year, not only marks the beginning of the year but also the 25th anniversary of the organization.

Twenty-five years ago we had no property and the first dependents numbered five. They were cared for by the founder of the Home, Rev. E. L. Scofield and wife. Now we have a staff of eight, counting the cook's assistants. A property conservatively valued at \$66,864 consisting of two buildings, the plot of ground upon which they stand and our summer resort at Lake Delavan. An endowment of \$7,000 and a designated fund of one hundred, both of which are by far too small.

The institution has a capacity of 96 people, children and working staff. The Home has been a haven of comfort and protection for over eighteen hundred children since its organization. During this last year, 129 children were cared for.

A summary of the Treasurer's report shows the following:

Balance on hand September 30,	
1919 -----	\$ 2,948.37
Receipts during the year-----	26,542.11
Total receipts -----	<u>\$29,490.48</u>
The amount received of this	
from state apportionment	
and Promotion Board-----	\$ 3,999.14
Received from other sources--	<u>25,491.34</u>
Grand total receipts count-	
ing donations and garden	
stuffs -----	\$30,690.48
Total disbursements -----	\$25,181.44
Of this amount improvements \$	7,175.11
Balance October 1, 1920 -----	\$ 4,309.74

The month of October was of special interest because of our Corporation and Board of Trustees meetings on the 12th, and also the close of the Associational season. The Superintendent carried through a stunt that was generally commended when he toured the Associations with a "flivver" full of children from the Home. Their singing and play exercises captured the people and probably the institution was never more favorably before the people than now. In all eleven associations in the southern half of Illinois were visited by the children, and the superintendent attended two others alone. The kiddies enjoyed it immensely and are anxious to go again.

As the cold weather approaches we are reminded of the need of bedding, blankets, etc., for our larger family. Our annual report May 1st showed that material donations of all kinds during the year previous totaled \$3,286.42 in value. That means that we were saved that much cash expense by the sending of these donations of bedding, food, clothing, etc. Our friends showed excellent taste and nearly all of the above were articles readily usable. As we have more children than last year, our needs are still greater.

On October 13th, seven of our children had tonsils and adenoids removed in our newly furnished hospital. Dr. Gambill of Centralia, and our own Dr. Klosterman did the work with excellent results. —N. T. Hafer, Supt.

"Dr. Franklin says Europe is one great spiritual challenge. We've got to change the thinking of whole peoples, to exalt spiritual values, and to have spiritual reality everywhere. A marvelous call indeed. Can we meet it?"

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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Has your society observed Membership Week? The week was Oct. 31 to Nov. 7. It was for the purpose of a general movement to enroll all women as members of the Woman's Mission Society, whether they were members of the church or not. Cards were prepared for distribution and if your circle has not received them, write to your associational officers or state president and make a campaign.

Miss Alwilda Young, the energetic president of Rock Island Association, has recently organized a society at Erie and at Cambridge. We are glad to welcome them to our state organization.

The state meeting in Kewanee was fine, each year the meeting excels the previous one. There was so much interesting information and helpful suggestions given that it is difficult to discriminate in mentioning suggestions for all phases were touched upon. The work among children in this land and the Orient, also that of the W. W. G. girls and women's work was given in reports and two playlets. Many suggestions for the successful conducting of mission meetings and increasing interest in missions were given, some of them were, "Begin promptly, invite others by saying "Come with me." Have some one to take care of the children in another room. Use telephone freely, changing the list to be called for each meeting.

Have the talks short. Educate through Mission stories and reading missionary books. Have study classes in some form. Use the Standard of Excellence and have different women responsible for creating interest in reaching the aim desired by each requirement. Choose good leaders and do all you can to help them. Believe that you can do a thing and it seems to be required of you, that you can do it better than any one else. Do not refuse to do what is asked of you if it is possible for you to do it. Develop the young people and children that they may take your place and do better than you have done. Interest the indifferent in White Cross work as the first step towards missionary information at home and abroad. Mrs. H. W. Reed has the following message:

The year's record has been made, and some of the results have been surprising and most gratifying, showing a great deal of work by local leaders, and a largely increased interest on the part of the members of the churches. Some churches which made so splendid an effort, may feel somewhat disappointed, but there is a new year just before them and an opportunity for the same faithfulness and larger result before next October. The secret of the success in all cases was an early start and this is the wise plan for the coming year.—Mrs. H. W. Reed.

Department of Religious Education

Chairman Rev. Herbert Hines, El Paso, Director Rev. Louis H. Koehler, Normal

LABORATORY WORK

The Galva B. Y. P. U., with the first Sunday of October, inaugurated a combination devotional-educational service. The first half hour is devotional, the topics furnished in "Service" being used. At the close of this period the juniors withdraw for appropriate study and the seniors study their text. At present they are diligently engaged in studying "Truths that Abide," by Dudley, and the interest is excellent.

The society at Sterling is also trying the combination service and Pastor Macintosh and Mrs. Macintosh are delighted with the interest and prospects. The order and plan is as follows: Opening service at 7 o'clock with Scripture, song and prayer. At about 7:08 the classes for instruction are held and at present there are five groups studying missions, teacher training, evangelism, etc., etc. After one-half hour of study the groups reassemble and with those who have just arrived a devotional service including testimonies, is then conducted for about twenty minutes. This is immediately followed by the evening sermon message and then all stay for a social half hour. This plan has much to commend it, as in less time than heretofore four features are stressed, namely, instruction (graded), devotions, preaching and social period. Everybody remains until the social hour, thus giving the pastor a larger evening audience. Let other societies try out ways of meeting the special needs of our young people. The

Carthage Society is also using "Truths that Abide."

WORKER TRAINING

A communication has recently been sent to all pastors urging a class or classes for training workers. The director stands ready to aid any pastor who desires further information as to how to organize a training class.

EDUCATIONAL RALLIES

The Bloomfield Association through its Committee on Promotion and its department of religious education is putting on a series of educational rallies in thirty-three churches in the Association, running from Nov. 3 to Dec. 12. Conferences will be conducted both afternoon and evening.

Our State Convention men will give some time this year in aiding churches that have not yet made the every-member canvass for the New World Movement a few days' assistance if such churches desire their aid.

"The new religious census brings to light some striking facts. Of the 102,000,000 people in the United States 41,926,854 are church members. Of every hundred church members nineteen are Baptist and eighteen are Methodists. Three in every eight are Roman Catholics. Of all the great denominations Baptists have had the highest rate of increase. The percentage of men in the membership of the church is higher than it was ten years ago. In the Southern Baptist Convention the percentage of men has increased from 40.9 in 1910 to forty-two in 1920. In the Northern Baptist Convention the increase was from 36.5 in 1910 to 37.8 in 1920.

STRIKING FACTS ABOUT INDIA

First: Out of every five persons in the world, one lives in India. Two-thirds of the entire population are supported directly by agriculture.

2. One child in every five born, dies within twelve months.

3. The census report contains 2300 castes and tribes. Over 50,000,000 are classified as out-castes.

4. Child marriage is one of the great blights of India. There are over 2,500,000 child wives under ten years of age.

5. One woman in every six in India is a widow. The law forbids that even child widows shall remarry. They are held responsible for their husband's death.

6. The average pay of unskilled women is from 2 to 4 cents a day; for men, 6 to 11 cents a day.

7. Of every 100 Mohammedans, three can read; of every 100 Hindus, five can read; of every 100 native Christians, sixteen can read.

8. Ninety-five per cent of the men and 99 per cent of the women of India have never learned the first letter of the alphabet.

9. The population per Protestant ordained missionary in India is 208,000. In the U. S. there is one minister to every 642 of the population.

10. India presents a far more complex linguistic situation than if each state in the U. S. had a different language.

11. The whole of British India and Ceylon are open to missionary effort as well as most of the native states.

12. The people of India are hungry for social freedom and for a way of life which will give opportunity for development in this world and hope for the future.

"Statistics on the religious life of the students of the University of Chicago have been collected. The figures show that the relation of the university students to religious institutions is a vital one. Nine out of every ten students go to church, and this number are members of churches. About ten per cent. are engaged in some religious work such as teaching a Sunday school class. The survey of the religious and social activities of the students was carried out by Dr. T. G. Soares, University chaplain."

COURTESY IS A VIRTUE

A student at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago was asked to show a gentleman (a stranger to him and the city) around the institute buildings. This he did thoroughly and cheerfully. The man asked him his name and a couple of weeks afterward wrote him a very nice letter, thanking him for the service rendered, to which he replied. Some months later this stu-

dent received another letter asking if he was still in the institute, to which he responded, and by return mail received a check for \$100. The student had been praying especially for two things, namely, money to get his eyes straightened and money to give to missions. He used \$50 for his eyes and gave \$50 for missions.—Missions.

"A NOBLE CONTRIBUTION"

At the annual meeting of the American Baptist Telugu Mission the Conference expressed itself as profoundly grateful for the great forward movements in America for the development of the kingdom of God, and pledged itself to co-operate with the Board of Promotion of the Northern Baptist Convention in the One Hundred Million Dollar Campaign by raising the sum of five thousand rupees (rupee about thirty-two cents) for this purpose within the next five years."

"FAMINE IN CHINA"

Bishop Wilson (Methodist), of Pekin, has cabled word to the Boards of Benevolence of his church that a famine is devastating a wide area of China, that thirty millions of people are suffering and thousands dying daily, including church-members. Details have been sent to President Wilson. Cholera conditions have obtained for months now in West China, as our missionaries have informed us, but if the cabled message is correct, China's suffering is far greater than supposed. Poor China seems beset behind and before and within, with revolution, brigandage, official inadequacy, and famine. The Christian Missions are the bright spot in a dark picture, and the Chinese people are coming to recognize this more and more. Now is our time to redouble our efforts to prove Christianity's unselfish aims and altruistic helpfulness."

"That was a telling expression of a newly appointed missionary: 'I didn't just join the church but wanted to show that I was lined up with Christ.' If only we had regiments of church-members with that spirit!"

A telegram announces the death of Rev. J. D. Crumley of Plainfield. No particulars have been received. He wrote the Editor previous to the Convention that he could not attend the meetings of the Board on account of the necessity of an operation. He has been pastor of the Plainfield church for several years and was going good work.

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The Bible

The Bible has usually been accepted by Baptists as "The Inspired Word of God." The writer heard Dr. Harper of the University of Chicago, say that the Bible not only contains the word of God but is the word of God. Baptist people are not all agreed on the term "Inspiration." A prominent Baptist a good many years ago said, "The last word on Inspiration has not yet been spoken." The writer heard a student ask Dr. Alvah Hovey, who was in his time one of the most prominent theologians in the world, this question: "What were the Biblical writers inspired to do?" His answer was, "To tell the truth." However the writers may have been inspired, that was certainly true. Inspiration did not destroy the individual characteristics and personality of the writers. For example: Paul and John wrote very differently. Paul as a thoroughly educated man. John as one perfectly familiar with subjects upon which he wrote, but in the style and thought of the common people. The Old Testament was in the possession of the Jews in the time of Christ just as we have it and it was endorsed by him. There is no trouble in our accepting the Old Testament if we accept Jesus Christ as the Son of the living God.

It is a little more difficult for us to be convinced on all the books of the New

Testament. The men who arranged the books of the New Testament, selected those that went in the canon and rejected many that were left out, were not, so far as we know, inspired men. There is no doubt but some of the writings of Paul and other apostles were lost and are not found in the New Testament, but great care was taken in this regard and many of the men who did this work were able and conscientious Christians, and all these books of the New Testament, after centuries of the severest criticisms, have stood the test and there seems to be some evidence that the selection of the books of the New Testament was under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

We do not claim that the Bible as we have it now after many centuries of transcription and translation is entirely free from minor errors. But many of these have been corrected within the past century. We believe, however, that the manuscripts as they came from the hands of inspired writers were entirely free from errors and the errors that crept in through translation and transcribing have nearly all been corrected by modern scholarship. Let us believe the Bible, love it and teach and preach it. It is the only power that can redeem this world.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is coming soon. The day that the Christian World celebrates as the birthday of our Lord. That is the day that we are supposed to celebrate as his birthday. But what a large proportion of the professed Christian world scarcely think of the infant Christ. It is thought of as a trading time, a commercial season, a time for spending money and of selling goods. A large proportion of the people think of it as a time for making and receiving presents. Many others make it a time for amusements. Before we had Prohibition, perhaps more liquor was drunk on Christmas than any other day of the year. Christmas is a holiday and practically all the business ceases on that day but for two weeks before, business had been rushed. Now how many people think before hand that Christmas celebrates the advent of the Redeemer of the World. Some Sunday School Christmas exercises make a great deal more of Santa Claus than they do of the Christ. Let the Baptists of Illinois on the 25th of December think of the coming of the Light of the World. May it be a happy joyful day but not an irreligious day. It is all right to give presents, but not to the neglect of thanking God for his great Gifts. Remember the poor and make generous gifts to the needy and do it in the spirit and for the sake of the Christ Child, who was born in a manger in Bethlehem, supposed to be on the 25th day of December, 1920 years ago.

ILLINOIS BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

The Illinois Baptist makes a rather extensive report of the meeting of the Baptist State Association of Southern Illinois which met in West Frankfort.

Among other things it says, "There came into the treasury for the Illinois Baptist \$3,305.65." That would indicate a total circulation at \$1.50 per subscription, of 2403. The total expense of publishing the paper was \$8,583.85. The deficit was \$3,587.85, which was paid out of the treasury of the State Association. Concerning Ewing College, the report says, "The part of the Girl's Dormitory that is being erected this fall is nearing completion. When completed, it will accommodate about fifty girls and to pay for the work we are compelled to borrow money in rather large sums. Probably the sum will reach more than \$40,000."

"Deficit"

"It will be seen from the Treasurer's report submitted herewith that we have a very large deficit. This, however, is not so alarming as it seems on its face. In fact no difficulty is anticipated except in the case of State Missions. We may be obliged to control operations a little and cut down every force."

"One of the interesting sanctum talks recently was with an Italian Protestant worker who has just returned from a visit to his native land. He says there are thousands of men, women, and children sleeping in the streets of Naples and other cities—homeless refugees who have sold out their home belongings, packed up, and started for the United States, but are stalled for want of passports. There are other thousands waiting to come back—men who went to Italy at the call of government during the war, or who went back on a visit after the war closed. The situation is appalling. The French have turned back from their borders thousands who attempted to reach French ports, since there was no way to take care of them. Meanwhile we have no policy. Something ought to be done to discourage and prevent much of this proposed emigration. The place for prevention is over there, not over here. Similar conditions are reported in nearly all the port cities in Europe. The tide has set this way, as many predicted, and we have made no provision. The first duty of Congress in December will be to deal with immigration.

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THE incoming reports from our Missionaries and others indicate that now is the time for evangelistic effort. Every pastor should be making some effort along evangelistic lines. If a man can preach at all he can do evangelistic work if he tries.

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THERE has never been a time in the history of the denomination in the state when so much interest has been taken in thorough Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work as now. Director Koehler is holding many institutes and, he and others working with him, are inspiring whole Associations for some aggressive and thorough work.

WE call special interest in this issue to the address of Geo. M. Potter, President of the State Convention. The Convention voted to enlarge the Bulletin in one issue and publish this whole address. This issue of the Bulletin contains twenty pages.

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NINETEEN Hundred Twenty-one will be in some respects the most important year in the history of Christianity. Perhaps more money will be raised and more Missionaries be sent for work in foreign lands than in any previous year, and a greater effort will be made in America than ever before. The churches are waking up for aggressive work as never before in their history.

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THE Baptist denomination is right in the front ranks in this Onward Movement. We are not doing nearly what we can do, and every church and every pastor should look forward to greater things and not relax from the efforts we have already made.

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THIS coming year should be a great time for Enlistment for Service. Thousands of young men and women should enlist in 1921 for Ministerial and Missionary work. The fields are white to the harvest and the laborers are few. Young men and women should be encouraged to enter upon this work and should be aided in making thorough preparation.

"October 6 was the 100th anniversary of the birthday of Jenny Lind. She was born in Sweden and was known the world over as the Swedish nightingale. Her first appearance in America was in New York city in 1850, under the management of P. T. Barnum. Centennial celebrations have been held in many American cities. She was a woman of beautiful character, and her reputation was never tarnished."

**PRESIDENT POTTER'S ADDRESS AT
THE STATE CONVENTION
THE BAPTIST TASK IN ILLINOIS**

In the first few paragraphs of its constitution, the Illinois Baptist State Convention sets forth its name and purpose. These paragraphs proclaim that it is the fundamental purpose of the organization "to aid churches and individuals in promoting the interest of the Kingdom of God" and that this purpose is to be accomplished by the eight following lines of work which constitute all of the activities of the State Convention:

(a) By furnishing the medium of co-operation in accomplishing the purpose of the Convention.

(b) By giving expression to the opinions of its constituency upon moral, religious, social and denominational matters.

(c) By promoting the preaching of the gospel, and by establishing and fostering Baptist churches in Illinois.

(d) By organizing Sunday Schools and stimulating their efficiency.

(e) By disseminating Christian literature.

(f) By promoting Christian education.

(g) By creating and stimulating interest in, and devotion to, missions at home and abroad.

(h) By encouraging whatever other work the Baptist churches of Illinois may desire to undertake in common.

It goes without saying that this pronouncement so clearly set forth is acknowledged by virtually all, if not entirely all, of the Baptists in Illinois who co-operate with the State Convention, and who hope to realize in their endeavors the satisfaction of their desire to work for the coming of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ among men.

All of us probably agree that this is a most excellent statement of the work that lies before Illinois Baptists, but there is a wide difference between the statement of the task and the accomplishment of it. We may all agree with the end to be attained but the method by which that end is to be secured may be as varied as our individual attitudes and personalities. What for example, is the best way to organize a Sunday School and to conduct it efficiently? What things contribute best to the promotion of Christian education? How can missionary work both in the association and in the state at large be most successfully and efficiently carried on? To these and many other questions there are many and varied answers because there is always a conflict between the ultimate and the proximate ends and purposes of Christian endeavor. Some individuals with keen interest and almost prophetic foresight can see the end and accomplishment clearly and are impatient with the delay of the method. On the other hand other individuals less imaginative and more practical in their thinking find their greatest satisfaction in the more proximate purposes and ends to be accomplished. Is there then a fundamental set of purposes which will meet both situations and satisfy both sets of conditions? The speaker believes there is, and he wishes to make a few suggestions as to methods which may help in the solution as well as in the accomplishment of the Baptist Task in Illinois.

It must be acknowledged at the outset that in undertaking any work in this our own state, we are dealing with different types of people who have settled in Illinois. In the northern part, of which Chicago is the life and center, the population has come from New England, New York and the tier of North Central

States, and has become largely sprinkled and intermingled with foreign blood and ideals. In the central part of our state is the contribution of that large migration of people who came west from Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. The southern part of the state was settled early by the soldiers of George Rogers Clark and later by their kinsfolk who came from Virginia, Maryland and Kentucky. They have therefore been in closer touch with their southern relatives than with their northern friends. In addition, the influence of geographic control has played a conspicuous part in determining where these types of people settle.

Chicago is the center of great industrial life; central Illinois is probably the richest farming section in the United States, while southern Illinois, poor from an agricultural standpoint, is rich in its coal mines. These conditions attract and produce different types of people. As things have worked out the northern part seems to be more advanced and liberal in thinking; the central part agricultural to the core, is more conservative, while the southern section because of its relation to the past and its meagre agricultural resources is somewhat ultra conservative. If Illinois lay along the parallels of latitude rather than across them there would be no racial problem, for the tide of immigration follows parallels of latitude. The Baptist population of the state is also divided somewhat as is the whole population of the state. There are 18 associations co-operating with the State Convention with a membership of almost one hundred thousand. One-third of these people have their homes largely in the Chicago and Rock River Associations. Another third belongs to the eight associations south of Springfield, while the other third resides in the other ten

associational districts occupying the great central part of the state. If there were no denominational division in the state and all of our one hundred seventy thousand Baptist population were unitedly working with the State Convention there would be something like one hundred thousand Baptist people living in the state of Illinois south of a line drawn east and west through Springfield. It is a tragedy for the denomination and the Kingdom in Illinois that so many of our brethren in the southern part of the state are alienated from this Convention.

Any suggestions for helping the Baptist task of Illinois must be made with the above conditions always in mind. This tri-partite division of the state racially, geographically and commercially must be recognized as one of the greatest barriers and obstacles to the efficient accomplishment of Baptist work in the state. The situation has interfered to such an extent that there is at present no unified purpose nor life, Baptistically speaking, in the state of Illinois; no denominational consciousness, no esprit-de-corps. We do not make the progress that could be made if these racial and other differences could be adjusted. I know that this will be very difficult and will mean on the part of everyone patience, tact and forbearance, but I raise the question if the goal, the end to be sought, is not worth while? Please do not understand that I mean that the work is lagging. I am simply saying that the advancement would be greater if some of us would be willing to yield and many of us be willing to assume more obligation. Chicago must not be more provincial than Cairo, nor Bloomington or Springfield assume that both ends of the state should come to their way of thinking.

Lying at the heart of, and fundamental to all Baptist work in the state of Illinois must be the elimination of these lines of division which are at present interfering with the creation of the denominational spirit and with the encouragement of denominational pride in a common achievement. This Convention above everything else should give its best thought and efforts to the elimination of these artificial barriers which have crept into all of our churches and are too often recognized by us as if permanent. I maintain that there is no reason for this division which cannot be met by Christian forbearance, patience and intelligence. Frankly, I deplore the fact that this Convention can meet year after year and calmly assume that the Baptist division in this state is permanent, and should be allowed to go as an accomplished fact. No settlement of this question, nor of any other can ever be made until it is settled rightly. Our program, then, for the state should be adopted with the idea always in view that the Baptists of the southern section, now alienated, will some day become reunited and that there will be a statewide Baptist denomination, one in endeavor, faith and purpose.

Three things appeal to me as being absolutely necessary for the creation of this spirit of denominational consciousness. The very first of these must be an effort to extend the influence of the State Convention. A campaign of education through the circulation of pictures, literature, etc., should be put on in all parts of the state regardless of sectional differences. This campaign must clearly set forth the work and purposes of the State Convention and must primarily be made to appeal to Baptists as Baptists, as members of one large family. I have no

doubt that the southern part of our state takes its present attitude largely because of misinformation and not because of any doctrinal conviction. It is a tragedy that the State Convention of which all of us are members should ever have allowed such a division to occur without a most prayerful and earnest effort to meet and clear away the misunderstanding. The State Convention is the one organization which can and should take steps to rectify this mistake.

As an aid to the State Convention we ought to decide upon some location for State Headquarters and centralize all of our life and work in that place. Our State Superintendent should live in that city; the headquarters of the Board of Promotion should be there, and our collection agency, and all the work pertaining to the unified program should be done at that office. I believe that in the establishing of State Headquarters it would be a wise thing to consider the advisability of the purchase or the erection of a suitable building which could be financed, I am sure, by the State Convention as a business enterprise. Another fact we must clearly recognize in thinking of the Convention is this, that the cities of Illinois are rapidly growing in population. East St. Louis has become the second city in the state, Peoria, Decatur, Bloomington and Springfield are all rapidly growing and making a large urban population in the place of the former rural communities. Our young people from all over the state are flocking to these great industrial centers and if we want their lives conserved and the work of the denomination carried on at high tide, we must take care of the Baptist work in these great centers. But the problem of these smaller cities is not at all comparable to the problem of the city of Chicago, where almost

one-third of the population of the state of Illinois is to be found. There is, and always must be a close co-operation and understanding between the State Convention and the Executive Council of Chicago. The burden upon the Baptists of Chicago is terrific in its weight and we people who live outside the city must give not only of our money and our time, but of our best thought in helping the brethren in Chicago carry on the work there. The work in Chicago is an important part of the State Convention work and should be so regarded by all the Baptists of the state.

The second suggestion for the creation of a denominational consciousness is that we develop and nourish the denominational institutions belonging to the entire state. Among these are our three philanthropic institutions, and our seminaries and colleges. I believe the time is ripe for a great forward movement for all of these institutions and we certainly must not turn our backs on this part of our work. The development of Shurtleff College which has been taking place in the last few years is of prime importance to the life and work of the denomination in the state. Disassociating myself entirely from the institution, I firmly believe that no other single cause, outside of the Convention itself, can do more for building up denominational pride and enthusiasm than a strong institution of higher learning. Believing so firmly in the unifying influence of denominational institutions I do not hesitate at all to advance the suggestion that it is high time for the Baptists of this state to consider the founding of a college for women exclusively, and I believe that this Convention should approach the authorities of the Frances Shimer School and confer with them as to the advisabil-

ity of making a full four-year college out of that institution. There need be no fear that the possession of a second college would divide Baptist interest and Baptist money too much.

As a third method of strengthening our denominational consciousness, I wish to advance the opinion that this Convention should determine upon a policy which would avoid so much confusion in the working out of national movements within our state. For example, we have seen instances where one church could and did nullify so far as its own constituency was concerned the action of the whole denomination as expressed in the national meeting at Denver and in the state meeting at Jerseyville respecting the New World Movement. This strikes me as being somewhat related to national movements in politics and government. Two of our states have never voted favorably on the eighteenth amendment but nevertheless prohibition has become the law of our land. It would be ridiculous and absurd if these two unfavorable states could expect to disregard the vote of the majority.

Is it not equally absurd for any church within the confines of an association or a state to refuse to abide by the action of the denomination and to rob its constituency of the glory of participating in the movement? Many of these churches in the past have sought co-operation and assistance from Baptists all over the state of Illinois and particularly from this State Convention. Do they not owe the denomination loyalty of allegiance? Without trespassing upon our cherished doctrine of the freedom of the local church, shall we not endeavor to work out some plan which will preserve the autonomy of the individual organization and yet be equally fair to the denomina-

tion to which it belongs? Membership in a family does not always pre-suppose agreement of all the members. It should mean a willingness on the part of all to yield where greatest good of the greatest number is at stake.

The present Baptist task in Illinois, therefore, is the creating of a denominational consciousness. This we may hope to do through the strengthening of the State Convention; through the support and development of all our institutions, educational and philanthropic, and finally through the cultivation in all our churches of a spirit of loyalty to aid, to support of all great denominational movements and purposes.

October 19, 1920.

PROHIBITION

Nearly all the writing and speech making about the unreasonableness and failure of Prohibition are given by the men who made money by manufacturing and selling intoxicating drinks and not by the men who formerly drank. This writer is of the opinion that if the question of Prohibition in the United States were left to a vote of the men who formerly frequented the saloons, there would be a majority vote against the licensed saloon. The writer had a talk with some pro-liquorites on a train near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania last summer. One of them insisted that Prohibition could not have been installed if the soldier boys, who were at that time in the army, had been at home. He seemed to think that all the soldier boys were in favor of saloons and yet more than half of these men were from states that already had state-wide Prohibition. Prohibition went into effect so suddenly that many millions of barrels of intoxicating liquor were on hand. With the high

price some men will pay for this, it is smuggled into the market to a limited extent; but it is exceedingly difficult to manufacture liquor in America now, and soon the old liquor will all be disposed of.

f. There is perhaps not one percent of the liquor sold in America there was five years ago. England openly admits that if Prohibition succeeds in America (and they think it will), that they will be compelled to adopt Prohibition from the economic and commercial standpoint. They say that a drinking nation cannot compete with a sober nation in manufacturing and other interests. John Barleycorn is dying hard, but he can never recover in America from the terrible blows he has received in recent years.

A TRIP TO THE WABASH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

The Editor spent Saturday night and Sunday morning, November 13th and 14th at Flora. He gave his stereopticon lecture Saturday night and preached Sunday night. The Flora church is pushing ahead as never before. They first made an every-member canvass for the New World Movement and then they increased salary from \$1,000 to \$1,800 and called Rev. J. E. Corwin to become pastor. They have just put \$3,500 repairs on the parsonage; have money in the treasury and have arranged for an assistant pastor, a lady from Chicago to work among the children. The interest in all departments of the church work is growing rapidly. Pastor Corwin and his wife like the field very much and the people seem delighted with their pastor.

Sunday morning, November 14th, was given to the Fairfield Church. Rev. Samuel Hoekstra has been pastor there four years. There were eighty-three present at Sunday School. Fourteen

men were present in the pastor's class. We had a fine congregation at preaching services. We have never visited Fairfield when the work seemed so hopeful. The time, however, has come when Fairfield should make great strides forward.

On Monday night, November 15th, we gave the lecture and a mission talk at the Newton church. We were greatly surprised to see the hopeful outlook at Newton. The town is much larger than we thought it was. The last census gives them a population of 2800. The Baptist membership is much stronger than we had anticipated. The church needs developing along lines of modern work. A large crowd attended the meeting and the people seem hopeful for the future. Pastor Hodge was absent, holding a meeting at one of his other churches. Newton seems to us strong enough now for full time preaching.

The Editor gave Saturday night, November 20th, and Sunday morning, November 21st to the Collinsville church. That church has been pastorless for five or six months, but they have a supply almost every Sunday. The Sunday School seemed to be in fine condition. The church is carrying on three active missions and in many respects there is great field at Collinsville if a pastor could be secured who would fit into conditions there. The people seemed to listen appreciatively to what the Superintendent had to say. With a few changes in the organizations of the church we believe great things will be accomplished on the field.

He spent Sunday night, November 21st, with the Edgemont Mission in East St. Louis. Rev. A. J. Rendlemen has been our missionary pastor there the past year. There seems to be a great open

field there and an opportunity for a strong church. He spent Monday, November 22d with the Missionary Committee of the Alton Association at Wood River and the Committee appointed by the State Convention to counsel with the church in its new building enterprise. Much important business of the Association was transacted and the Committee on the Wood River Church building was well pleased with what is being done. The foundation was just about completed and the plan and work seemed to be satisfactory. The Committee advised the church to close up the work on the building until the freezing weather of the winter is over.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

Dr. A. Frank Houser, pastor of the Baptist church in Davenport, Ia., has arranged to assist Rev. George B. Wilbur of Andalusia in special meetings December 6-18. Brother Houser is a strong preacher. There is anticipated a great meeting at Andalusia.

Missionary J. C. Dent recently held a meeting with the Jacksonville church, of which Dr. A. A. Todd is pastor. They have been having more than three hundred present each evening and on Sunday more than six hundred. On November 28th, twenty-eight made a profession of faith.

Rev. L. H. Koehler, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Director of Illinois, has recently spent some time at Cairo, Gilman, Rantoul, Gifford, Springfield, Raritan and Fairmount. Brother Koehler is an intense worker in his line and the institutes which he holds are very highly spoken of.

District Superintendent D. O. Hopkins has been very busy during the past

month.. He assisted the pastor, H. G. Smith of Berwick in a series of meetings with very good results. The pastor speaks very highly of Dr. Hopkins on that field. He went from there to Littleton to assist Rev. J. Livingston Duff for two weeks. On that field aside from the evangelistic meeting, he made an every-member canvass.

Rev. Frank Metcalf reports encouraging work at Bradford. The attendance in the church services has greatly improved and also the Sunday School. The pastor now has twelve men in his Bible class. The church has paid off all its indebtedness except \$100 and they will pay that quite soon. They are hoping to have a revival meeting quite soon.

Rev. G. A. Jones, our negro evangelist for Illinois, traveled during the month of November, 1366 miles. He preached twelve sermons and visited seven churches.

District Superintendent J. B. Little is at this writing engaged in a meeting at Campbell Hill in southern Illinois. The Missionary writes during the meetings and says: "The interest is good. Audience increases daily. Three came forward last night and accepted Christ as their Savior and expressed their desire to unite with the church. One was a man eighty-one years of age, another his wife seventy-six years of age and the other a young man who is engaged in the oil business here."

Evangelist T. O. McMinn of southern Illinois, writes December 1st: "The meetings here at Boskey Dell are starting off quite encouragingly. The interest in the village in the meetings is very good. Things are looking good for the meetings. Pray for us." Evangelist further says: "Last week I spent the time visiting the Willisville and Tamaroa

churches. They have their new brick chapel well under way at Willisville after so long a time. The brick work is done, the floor laid and they are now putting on the roof. We are trying to locate a pastor at Campbell Hill and Willisville."

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk writes on November 23d as follows: "I am now with the Antioch church in the Central Association and the meetings are starting out hopefully. I expect to be here until December 5th. My time is all taken up until March 13th."

On November 27th Evangelist T. O. McMinn writes as follows: "We closed a meeting at Scottsboro last night. We found the church without a pastor and their congregations are run down. We had three conversions and two additions by baptism. They called Brother Browning for pastor for half time. We left them encouraged and hopeful for the future."

Rev. A. W. Judd, pastor of the New Berlin church, writes concerning the meetings recently held there. "Rev. George H. Yule closed a two weeks' meeting with us last Monday night. His preaching was all that I expected or hoped for. He depends upon the straight Gospel to do the work and not any excrescences that men often add thereto. The effect here was most healthful and ennobling. Twenty were baptized on the last Saturday night and a few more are to follow."

Rev. H. W. Smith, pastor of the Berwick church, writes concerning the meetings just closed on the field. He says: "Dr. D. O. Hopkins left Berwick this morning after a ministry here of two weeks in special evangelistic meetings. During the entire meeting Dr. Hopkins preached the Gospel of Christ in a sane,

practical and effective manner. The finances were taken care of before the meetings began. A goodly number have already come into the church, eleven by baptism and five by letter and more are to come next Sunday. The church has been greatly benefited in its whole work."

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk writes November 8th the following: "Just a line from Galva. We are having good meetings. The interest is not so great as I have had it in some places, but things are improving right along. We have twenty-one decisions so far, all young people and all from the Sunday School. We are hoping to reach some adults this week."

Rev. James B. Little writes November 18th concerning a meeting at Kane as follows: "I closed the meeting at Kane Monday night. I feel that we met with wonderful success. A hard pull to begin with but the summing up at the close showed the church to be strengthened in its spiritual life. Forty-six professed a hope in Christ. Fifteen young people and thirty-one adults. The pastor, Rev. C. Carney, was more than pleased and the community as a whole expressed themselves as being benefited."

Rev. August W. Fleischman, pastor of the Immanuel Church of Elgin, writes as follows concerning a meeting held by Brother Dent: "From October 31st to November 14th we were privileged to enjoy the ministry of Rev. J. C. Dent, District Superintendent of Northern Illinois. It is with great joy that we report the results of this series of special meetings and all that was enjoyed while they were in progress. The people were drawn to Brother Dent immediately and caught his enthusiasm and spirit at once. They responded to his splendid messages and

earnestly set to work to carry out his plans. Last Sunday evening seven converts were baptized and seven more are waiting baptism. There was a goodly number who confessed Christ for the first time but who have not decided to follow him in baptism thus far. The church has been given a spiritual impetus such as it has not experienced for some years and we rejoice to have been laborers together with God in this great work. We are exceedingly thankful for Brother Dent and appreciate his help in our midst."

A BAPTIST PRESIDENT

During the presidential campaign, not much was said of the fact that Senator Harding is a trustee and a faithful member of the Baptist church in Marion, Ohio. It was not best to say much about it then for we Americans do not believe that a man should be elected to any office because of his denominational affiliations. But after the election is over we think we should call attention to it. This is the first time a Baptist has ever been elected president, although one of the two candidates four years ago, Justice Hughes, is a Baptist. Ex-president Taft was brought up as a Baptist but turned from the Baptists to the Unitarian Alliance.

The three leading officials in the three leading English speaking countries of the world are now Baptists: President-elect Harding of the United States, the Premier of Canada and the Premier, David Lloyd George, of Great Britain. The latter is possibly the most prominent man in the world today. The writer heard him make a great speech in the Baptist Congress in London about fifteen years ago.

THE RECOGNITION OF CHRIST

Time was, even in the modern centuries, when some men of talents and culture reviled Jesus Christ as an imposter or a fanatic, as did some of the blinded Jews who were his contemporaries. But there is hardly a man in all the world who would speak thus today. Even persons who allow themselves to ridicule the Bible, and the God whom it describes, are unwilling now to speak lightly of Jesus; and if, in some rare cases, a man attempts to hint possible and slight defect, he seems to do so with reluctance, and turns quickly away to join the chorus of eulogy. Robert Browning, in a letter published since his death, cites several utterances of men of genius as to the Christian faith, and among them one from Charles Lamb: "In a gay fancy with some friends as to how he and they would feel if the greatest of the dead were to appear suddenly in flesh and blood once more—on the final suggestion, 'And if Christ entered this room,' he changed his manner at once, and stuttered out, as his manner was when moved, 'You see, if Shakespeare entered we should all rise; if *he* appeared, we must kneel.'" Such reverence is not a mere result of Christian education, of Christian literature, and art and usages; it will be felt by any person of susceptible nature who will thoughtfully read one of the Gospels at a single sitting, and alone with his beating heart and his God.—*John R. Broadus.*

"The Jews, according to their Year Book for 1920, number 15,000,000 in the world. In the time of Christ there were probably about 5,000,000 Jews, three-fifths of whom were in Palestine. About the middle of the eighteenth century they had dwindled to about 3,000,000. The race has long passed its youthful vigor, but it seems to be endowed with enduring youth."

The Baptist Old People's Home

Maywood, Illinois
Mrs. A. W. Runyan, Sec'y.
5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago

Except for an undertone of sadness Thanksgiving Day at the Home was a happy one. The dinner was wonderful. The turkey just right, cranberry sauce and other good things. At each plate a Thanksgiving card, a tiny basket of candy and an individual glass of jelly. Thank you, dear friends, who made it possible!

The undertone of sadness was caused by the vacant chair of one of the choice spirits of the Home, Miss Lavinia Salisbury was called Nov. 23d to her Heavenly Home, having endeared herself to all through her six years' residence in the Home.

Many of the good people of our churches "taxed (as many felt) already to the limit," still found it in their hearts to divide with our Old People's Home, and sent barrels and boxes of fruit and jellies till our fruit closets are no longer like "Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard," but shelves full of good things put up by kindly hands and sent by loving hearts. God bless you, every one!

Slowly but surely the "Day Plan" is working out successfully and our hearts are gladdened by such messages as this "Our men's class will provide for the Home for one day—enclosed find check for \$35—\$30 for the necessary expense and \$5 for a treat."

You, your church and Woman's Society will all be wanting to do something Christ-like for Christmas, why not consider this plan for making forty-two worthy people happy for a day?

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

The Central Baptist Children's Home is still overcrowded with boys and quite a number on our waiting list. On the other hand fewer girls in the Home at this writing than we have had for five years. We have only 27 girls and nearly twice as many boys and a large number on our waiting list. Possibly the reason for the dropping off in girls is that there are more private homes open for girls.

As usual the children were generously remembered at Thanksgiving with apples, nuts, candy, toys, and some clothing. These gifts came from so many parties that we refrain from mentioning individual donations. However, we wish to thank one and all for their kindly and generous response.

Again we were favored by chicken for Thanksgiving from LaMarsh and Manlius Baptist churches. LaMarsh sending us two dozen and Manlius about one dozen—all splendid chickens dressed for the oven and our cook put the finishing touches on and our large family sat down to a roast chicken dinner.

For a number of years these two churches have gladdened the hearts and satisfied the appetites of the children of the Home and we believe that these friends enjoy their own Thanksgiving dinner the more when they think of the table spread with plenty at the Children's Home.

Many of the friends of the Home have remembered us with gifts these friends we also wish to thank. Remember to send your financial offerings to the Superintendent, 504 South First Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

**Rev. N. T. Hafer, Supt.
Mrs. N. T. Hafer, Matron**

The past month has brought a mixture of pleasant and unpleasant experiences. One of our finest girls, thirteen years old, is now in a city hospital having undergone a major operation, the second in a year. The result is yet uncertain.

We are realizing the benefit of participation in the great campaign. The regular income each month, though covering less than a third of our needs, tends to stabilize our finances. The churches also are getting back of the work with special offerings in an encouraging way. Our tag-days have brought the Home before the public and enthusiastic response has come from all classes. Of course our greatest tag-day was at Centralia, Nov. 20th. Solicitors from several churches as well as the high school cooperated with the committee from the First Baptist church, and the result was a wonderful demonstration of popular interest. A truck load of our children sang on the street and were feasted by the restaurants and treated by the crowd. The financial results were \$896.81.

But more was yet to follow. The Harvest Home service, November 21st, at the First Baptist church was the occasion of another demonstration. Citizens and business houses as well as Baptists sent their donations and two truck loads worth several hundred dollars, were the result. On the same Sunday afternoon about fifty young people from the First Church, Mt. Vernon, came to the Home in autos, bringing a great truck load of provisions. Nearly every train since has brought one or more barrels of similar good things.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

We cannot say a Merry Christmas—to too many of our dear co-workers. This is the first Christmas season without some dear loved presence. When the “song has gone out of your life,” there is no place for mirth. It can not be a Merry—nor can it be a Happy Christmas, but it can be a Joyful Christmas—joy in the heart because of the meaning of the life and purpose of Him whose birth we celebrate—joy because of the Christ-Spirit which dispels our doubts, strengthens our faith—gives us courage and teaches us to trust. If we let the Christ-Spirit radiate through our lives, then will we show it to others, then will there be joy in our hearts as we sing praises to Him whose “Name shall be called Wonderful.” Again—A Joyful Christmas.—Mrs. W. P. Topping.

Is your church organized to take up the Reading Course for the year? The loving cup is given to the Association having the largest percentage of readers in proportion to the membership in the Association. The record for last year was as follows. Rock River, .1444; Greene-Jersey .1176; Bloomington .1065; Rock Island .0983; Alton .0936; Morgan Scott .0908; Salem .0632; Quincy .0563; Peoria .0442; Aurora .0434; Chicago .0345; Springfield .0166; So. Illinois .0090.

The state banner is given to the church reporting the largest number of books

read. Every local reader should keep a list of the names of those reading one book or more, and another list of the number of books read. Books read not on the list given out do not count. Last year the Rock River Association won the cup for the second time and the South Church, Belvidere, the state banner, for the third time, having read 906 books.

It is with keen sorrow that we record the going home of Mrs. L. E. Ellison of Villa Grove. She was a young woman of great promise. Her personality, her ability as a speaker and as an executive, gave promise of a life of much usefulness. There are many who will miss her for friendship's sake and also the assistance she might have been to women's work. Those who attended the state meeting in Kewanee will remember the telegram which was received that a new volunteer for missions had that day come into her home. In a little more than three weeks the mother passed on and left the baby boy to go on through the years to meet the problems of life without her love and guiding hand.

There are few women who have attended the state meetings for the past twenty-five years even occasionally, who will fail to remember Mrs. J. D. Crumley and deeply sympathize with her because of the passing of her husband, Mr. J. D. Crumley. Both were nearly always at the general meetings of the denomination.

Department of Religious Education

Chairman Rev. Herbert Hines, El Paso, Director Rev. Louis H. Koehler, Normal

The Summer Assembly

At a recent meeting of the department of religious education work on the Assembly for 1921 was begun with great interest. It was at once apparent that the Assembly of 1920 supplied a healthy incentive for intensive action for the coming Assembly and all who were appointed as chairmen of committees took hold of their task with unwonted zeal and enthusiasm. The program committee has mapped out a program that bids fair to surpass the excellent one of 1920. It is based upon a three years' diploma course, with a certificate to be presented for each year's work. Part of the curriculum will be standardized so that those who are taking training class work in school or society may get credit for work done in the Assembly. The dates are July 16 to 23, 1921. The formal opening will take place on Saturday evening after supper, when a royal good social and fellowship time will be had by everybody. This will be the get-acquainted meeting. Sunday will be a day of great inspiration. Monday to Saturday noon will be given over to real study and class work. The evenings will partake more of the entertainment order than formerly. The afternoons will be for rest and recreation. The closing service will be held on Saturday at 10:00 a. m. So come on Saturday and leave on Saturday. Begin now to plan for a delegation.

The Bloomfield Association

The Educational rallies of the above Association are surely taking hold of the ministers and people who attend. Miss

Winchester, the executive secretary of the associational department of religious education is doing a fine piece of work and giving a vision to many a church worker. Several mission circles have been organized as a result of these rallies. School superintendents and teachers have been inspired to take hold with renewed vigor and the whole work of the Association will be lifted as a result of these rallies.

B. Y. P. U. Activities

The Morris B. Y. P. U. is "doing things." We quote the following: "I feel quite sure you will be pleased to hear we have a real wide-awake B. Y. P. U. in Morris. We are not only having good times together, but we are trying to accomplish something. A while ago we gave a pie social and cleared \$26, and only had thirteen pies, too. We are planning to give a home talent play the first part of December, which no doubt will be a success. We have several elderly folks in our church who cannot come out to the regular services so our society decided to hold our meetings from time to time with these folks in their various homes. This has proved to be a great blessing not only to those whom we visit, but to our society as well. We also visited the County Poor Farm a few weeks ago and gave a song service for the inmates. We also gave a taffy pull for all the public school teachers and the young people's societies of the various churches. This was instrumental in starting a Young People's Christian Union in Morris."

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. C. P. Greenfield, who has been pastor for several years at Paris, recently closed his work there and accepted a call from a church in Indiana. The Young People's Union of the Paris church passed resolutions regretting his leaving and extended to him the best wishes of the organization.

The Colchester church has called Rev. E. H. Turner of Macomb to become its pastor for half time. Brother Turner gives the other half of his time to the Cedar Creek church, six miles from Colchester.

The Griggsville church has called Rev. Lester Anderson of Sidell to become their pastor. Brother Anderson will begin his work January 1st.

Rev. S. A. Atteberry of LaGrange, Missouri, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Forest City church. Forest City is in the Bloomington Association and one of our very excellent fields. He gives one-fourth of his time to the Pleasant Plains church, five miles out in the country from Forest City.

Rev. J. W. Smith who has been pastor of the Assumption church for about two years, has offered his resignation to that church in order to accept a call to Fort Scott, Kansas. The Kansas church has offered him \$1800 and parsonage. We regret to have Brother Smith leave Illinois, as he has been one of our faithful pastors, but hope he will find a field where he can do successful work.

Rev. R. T. Gasaway who has been pastor at Mendota for nearly two years, offered his resignation to that church and accepted a call to the First Church in Joliet. Brother Gasaway had splendid success in Mendota. The church has prospered in every way since he has been

there. Joliet is a fine field of service. Has a splendid modern stone meeting house and has recently purchased a parsonage near the church. While we regret to have Brother Gasaway leave Mendota we are glad that the Joliet church has made such a fortunate choice of a pastor.

A member of the Marissa church writes as following: "It is with great pleasure I write to inform you that the First Church of Marissa has called Rev. A. G. Prestage of Oglesby. He has accepted the call and expects to take up the work with us the first Sunday in January. The Marissa church is hoping for some great things for the Lord to accomplish under Brother Prestage's leadership."

Rev. H. C. Leland, Ph.D., of Dixon, has been secured as acting pastor of the Morrison church until a pastor can be located. Brother Leland is well adapted for that work and will give them good service.

Rev. D. B. Dexter has accepted the pastorate of the Clinton church and has been with that church since the 1st of October.

"The new American Leprosarium for the exclusive use of lepers of the United States has at last been located in Louisiana by the purchase of 400 acres by the Federal Government for this purpose. Lepers living in no less than twenty different states, in lonely and uncomfortable surroundings, can now be furnished with all that medical skill can do for them. The American Mission to Lepers makes an appeal for the ministry of a Christmas greeting for these thousand or more lepers. The most appreciated articles are soap, sandals, and blankets, but clothing, food and medical supplies are always in demand. W. M. Danner, American secretary of the Mission to Lepers, 156 Fifth avenue, New York, will gladly send circular with full particulars as to what would be most acceptable and when and where to send gifts."

CHURCHES

The press correspondent of the Baptist Church of Marengo writes that Mrs. Hallie Linn Gill gave a series of eleven lectures for the Mission Societies of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches of that city. The writer speaks very highly of the lectures of Mrs. Gill.

The work in the First church of Cairo, of which Rev. Wm. P. Pearce is pastor, seems to be doing well. The church recently completed a new parsonage, improved the building, paid off debts and raised the salary of the pastor. Cairo is a fine field and this church has great opportunities.

About fifty members of the East Side Church in Decatur recently made a surprise upon their pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Stoddard and gave expression of their appreciation of his work. Brother Stoddard expects to put in much more time in church work and less time in business pursuits. Many of the men on that side of the city are out of work on account of the manufacturing plants slowing down in their work.

The Pleasant Grove or Cooks Mill church is doing encouraging work at this time. Rev. J. A. Hartel began work on that field last June, giving them half time. The church has bought an electric lighting plant and it has been installed in the parsonage basement and it furnishes light for the church and parsonage. The church has been redecorated and is now a very attractive place. The church recently had a meeting of the Educational Rally team with Rev. L. H. Koehler as its leader.

Rev. J. A. Hertel began the pastorate of the Coles church for one-half time last June. Since that time the church has had a splendid increase in spiritual interest. Five accessions of the church by

baptism. Much of the month of October was spent in house to house prayer meetings. Rev. L. H. Koehler and his helpers held an Educational Rally with this church in November.

The First Church of Decatur celebrated the fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Marsh on the first Sunday in November. The pastor presented a resume showing solid progress during the five years. Debts amounting to \$12,000 have been paid and in addition over \$66,000 has been collected. The benevolences have increased several hundred percent. A fine property has been secured for a parsonage and the pastor's salary increased each year. During the past year pledges amounting to \$50,000 for a new church building and \$33,000 for benevolences have been secured. At all times a fine spirit of harmony has prevailed between pastor and people. There have been many conversions and over 300 additions to the church. The church is growing spiritually, and all departments are forging ahead.

Rev. G. W. Kimball, pastor at Lincoln, writes the following letter: "The church just notified me of a raise of \$300; this is the second in a year. All departments going good. Have had over one hundred at the young people's hour for over a month. We use the Intermediates, Senior B. Y. P. U. and a Forum in order to reach all the groups. All departments of the church in good condition. Look for good winter's work."

Some one wrote the following letter from the Shelbyville church: "Dr. L. D. Lamkin just closed an evangelistic campaign with the First Baptist Church of Shelbyville. The interest was good throughout the meeting and the church was left in a fine spiritual condition. Thirty-five expressed a willingness to ac-

cept Christ as their Savior, seventeen of which united with the church through baptism. Others are to follow. Dr. Lamkin is a powerful expounder of righteousness and a real pastor's helper." The pastor of the church is Rev. G. P. Burdon.

Rev. J. R. Very, Ph.D., pastor at Hoopeston, writes as follows concerning a meeting held at that place: "I am sending this letter to you to inform you of a big meeting we have just pulled off at Hoopeston in the Baptist church. We had the Rev. G. W. Taylor Evangelistic party of California, who is now working in our state. The meetings were well attended from the start and continued three weeks. There were over fifty who signed up for service and about forty signed up for the Baptist church. Mr. Taylor is a sane evangelist and keeps in the middle of the road."

The Momence church of which Rev. J. W. Downey has been pastor for two years, seems to be doing good work. The average attendance in Sunday School is 140. The young men's class, 22. There have been about thirty additions to the church during the past year. From twenty-five to thirty attend the prayer meetings. The church expects to put on an every-member canvass for the New World Movement before the first of next May.

The Pilgrim Church of Chicago, of which Rev. S. E. J. Watson became pastor last May is doing aggressive work. He found the church with a membership of 563 and since May 12th there have been 805 additions. They have purchased the Jewish Temple, corner 33d and Indiana Ave., which cost \$75,000, and will take possession the 1st of January.

Rev. James M. Lively of Mattoon, is

assisting in holding a meeting at the Greenville church in the Alton Association. He writes December 1st: "We are having a fairly good meeting down here. There are twenty-five to be baptized tonight. A number have come in by letter and experience and more are interested. We have had fine crowds all the time. Turned a large number away on Sunday night and many stood up during the entire service." Rev. R. M. Webdell is pastor of that church.

DEATHS

Rev. W. H. Haynes, a very efficient pastor of one of our negro churches in Peoria, suddenly died of heart failure on November 22d. Our State Missionary writes that his church is one among the very best colored churches in the state.

Last month we called attention to the death of Rev. J. D. Crumley of Plainfield, but at that time we had no special information concerning his death. Brother Crumley was 66 years of age. Had been pastor of the Deer Creek church in the Bloomington Association about a dozen years and had been in Plainfield for about three years. He had been a member of our State Convention Board for quite a number of years. He was taken to a hospital in Joliet in October for an operation and died while there. He leaves no children, but his devoted wife is still spared and at the present time is living in their home in Plainfield. Brother Crumley was a very devoted, faithful and successful pastor.

"The Interchurch Movement is still struggling with its vast indebtedness. It is a precious good thing that the Baptists withdrew from the Movement at the Buffalo meeting, for otherwise the Movement would probably have continued and piled up more millions of indebtedness. Financially this was the most irresponsible religious movement that the world has ever known."—Watchman Examiner.

The Normal church of which Rev. Edward L. Bayliss is pastor, is doing good work. Sunday morning, December 5th, the right hand of fellowship was given to three members and at the evening service there was one conversion, and on the Wednesday night following, six candidates were received for baptism. There have been no special meetings but the pastor, Sunday School Superintendent and teachers have been working for results. Others are ready to come.

One young man in this church is studying for the ministry, and one young woman in the training school in Chicago.

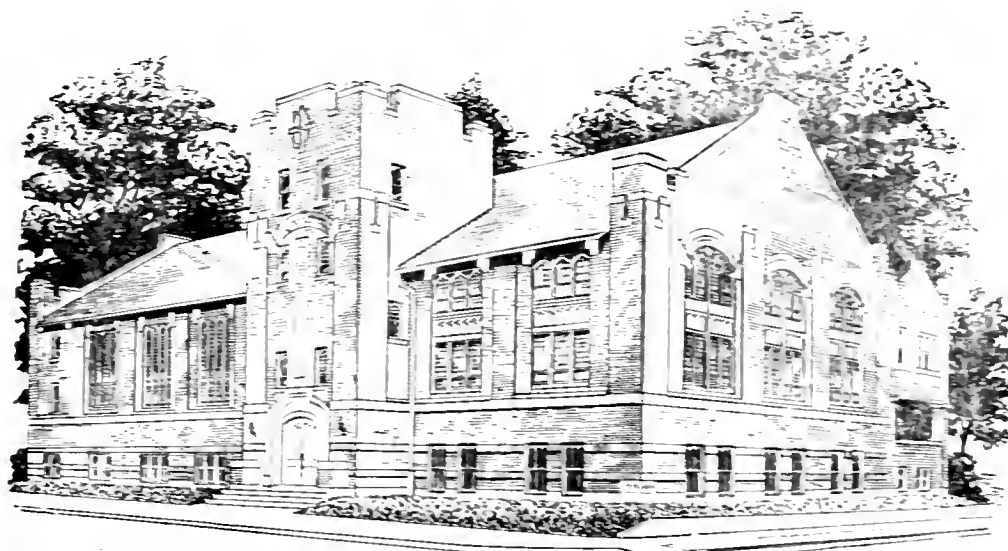
Rev. S. M. Kirkland, D.D., of Urbana, assisted Rev. M. E. Powley, pastor of the Bethel church in the Rock Island Association, in a eleven days' meeting. The results of the meeting were very fine. Some little difficulties were cleared out of the way and the pastor baptized twenty-three converts and three others were not able to be present that night. There were twenty-nine additions to the church, seventeen of the persons received for baptism were men; six of them being heads of families, six women, heads of

families were also added to the church. The evangelist enjoyed his meeting with this church and the pastor.

Rev. T. L. Stephens, pastor of the Tremont church, closed a meeting December 5th. Fourteen accepted Christ and will be baptized soon. The church experienced an awakening that promises to be permanent.

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk closed his meeting at the Antioch church in the Central Illinois Association December 6th. He says they had twenty-one conversions, one by letter and one by experience. Two husbands with their wives were among the number. Also a mother and her two daughters. It was a great time of rejoicing. The evangelist conducted the baptismal services at Petersburg. He baptized six Sunday afternoon, December 5th, and thirteen on Monday afternoon.

On December 3d, the church at Greenville closed a very successful revival of eighteen days' duration. On the last night of the meeting thirty-two received the hand of fellowship and three or four went to other churches. Rev. J. M.



First Baptist Church Rockford Ill.

The new meeting house of the First Baptist Church of Rockford, where the State Convention will meet next October.

Lively of Mattoon did the preaching. The pastor says: "He led us in a great campaign. He speaks the truth in denunciation of sin and evil in terms unmistakable." Rev. R. M. Webdell is the pastor of this church.

The advisory board of the University Church at Champaign sends the following letter: "It is with great pleasure that we were informed of the two hundred dollar increase in Rev. M. S. Bryant's salary by the National Board of Education and the State Board of Missions. We feel that Mr. Bryant is doing a splendid piece of work here and have always been hopeful that it might be recognized by a larger salary as the church grew. The action taken each of the last two years has been in line with this idea. The stride taken this year over any that has preceded is proof of the fact that the increase in salary has been well placed.

GENERAL PROMOTION BOARD

The General Promotion Board met in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 30-December 1-2. The Superintendents of the State Conventions met for three days before the Promotion Board convened. Every state in the Northern Convention was represented by its Superintendent except West Virginia and Utah.

This was the best meeting ever held by the State Convention Secretaries. All phases of state work were discussed and the work of the Promotion Board in each state. Several representatives of Standard City Mission Societies had one meeting with the Convention representatives, and representatives of the Home Mission Society met with us on two occasions. The Promotion Board was well attended, and the first three sessions were very good. Dr. J. Y. Aitchison presented a very comprehensive report

and gave an address for about one hour.

One important item of information was that John D. Rockefeller, Sr., had given \$12,000,000, but will not allow it to be counted on the \$100,000,000 campaign. It has been paid, \$4,000,000 to Home Missions, \$4,000,000 to Foreign Missions and \$4,000,000 to the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Fund. This money had been planned in Mr. Rockefeller's mind for these organizations before the New Onward Movement had been planned. But John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has given on his own account and from the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial Fund \$6,000,000. That can be counted on the \$100,000,000. It is not known what Rockefeller, Sr., will do in the future or whether he will give any more to the Baptists, but there seemed to be a feeling in the Board meeting that the Baptist Denomination of the North is able to give the \$100,000,000 without the aid of this one rich man and as the Rockefellers have given to Baptist work \$18,000,000 within eighteen months, the other people should not complain, but thank the Lord for this liberal family and push on in the work. There are two lines of work now, first to push on for new subscriptions and second, to secure payments on subscriptions already made.

The Editor was called home on account of a severe illness of his wife and had to miss more than half of the meetings of the General Promotion Board. The general impression made upon the mind of the writer by these meetings is that the Baptist Denomination of the North was never doing things on such a large scale and so successfully as now. Also that there are greater things for us in the near future. From coast to coast there seems to be the spirit of consecration and of longing for large spiritual results.

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"Deity of Jesus Christ"

The word "deity" means divine nature or rank. The collection of attributes which make up the nature of God.

One of the prominent controversies among Christian people today is the question of the deity of Jesus Christ. The Unitarian people and some who are members of Baptist churches and other communions deny his deity. They claim that he was a great prophet, a first class teacher, but that he was only a man and in no sense possessed the nature of God in any particular different from that of other men. There has been a great deal written among Baptists within the past six months upon fundamentals. There may be many fundamental truths, but the doctrine of the deity of Jesus Christ is the one fundamental above all others.

Those who believe the Gospels written by Matthew and Luke have no trouble in believing in the deity of our Lord. The teaching of the virgin birth establishes without a doubt the parentage of Jesus but some doubt the doctrine of the virgin birth. We will write upon that subject in a later issue. John's Gospel seems to us to have been written in a large measure to establish the deity of Jesus Christ, for some in his day seem to have been teaching doctrines contrary to the divine nature of the Savior. In the beginning of John's Gospel he says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the

Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made." These few words are sufficient to prove that John believed in the deity of Christ. Let it not be understood that when John said Jesus was God that he meant that there was no official difference or superiority. The earthly father has authority over the son in his minority, and may send him here and there; yet the son has the same nature as the father and in nature is his equal. The Father sent the Son, and the Son prayed to the Father and during his earthly life seemed to be dependent upon the Father; yet Christ himself recognized his equality with the Father in his natural attributes.

Jesus said, John 5-58, "Verily, verily I say unto you, before Abraham was born, I am." The expression verily, verily, Jesus used to call special attention to what he was about to say. What did he mean by that expression? Dr. Alva Hovey says, "The verb in Greek which is used of Abraham is not the same which is used of Christ. This signifies an existence which has an origin and might be rendered in the sense, *came to be*. The latter denotes existence simply and absolutely, without any reference to origin. By it Jesus claims for himself

the same eternal, unsuccessive, absolute being which was claimed by Jehovah when he said to Moses, "I am that I am."

We do not know who wrote the book of Hebrews but the whole book gives strong evidence of divine authority. This writer says, Hebrew 1-6, "And when he again bringeth the first born into the world he saith, Let all the angels of God worship him." Is it reasonable to suppose that God would command all the angels of God to worship a mere man? And in Heb. 1-8, "But of the Son he saith, 'Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever.'" Here the Father is represented as speaking of the Son of God.

Paul's writings contain many passages showing his faith in the deity of Christ. We will notice only one, Phil. 2-6, "Who existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men." Here the evident thought of the Apostle is that Jesus was more than man or angel, and this passage cannot be explained if the divinity of Christ is denied. If we deny the deity of Christ the whole of the New Testament and much of the Old Testament is obscure and difficult of interpretation. We can understand how those that reject fully the New Testament can deny Christ's deity, but it is a profound mystery how any person who professes to believe the teachings of the New Testament or any one who is willing to be called a Christian can deny the deity of our Lord."

A year or so ago the Southern Illinois Baptists took a strong position against erecting a great church building in Washington City in memory of Roger Williams, the first Baptist in America,

and the leader at the time for religious liberty. The Editor of the Illinois Baptist claims that Roger Williams was not a Baptist. Of course he was not a Baptist so far as alien immersion is concerned, but the Southern Baptist Convention endorsed the Memorial Building and held a special session of the Southern Convention last May at the lot where the building is to be erected. Some of Dr. Throgmorton's followers have been calling upon him to explain. He did this in his paper last week. Dr. Throgmorton can explain almost anything. He is not willing to go back on what he has been saying. He seems to hesitate very much to criticise anything the Southern Convention does. His long article trying to justify the Southern Convention in what it did in this matter and at the same time to justify himself is about the weakest thing we have read recently from the pen of a man who claims to be a respectable writer. If Dr. Throgmorton would admit that he was in error or if he would candidly condemn the Southern Convention for what it did, whether he was in error or on the right side, he would be respected for wanting to do the right things. But his effort to justify both himself and the Southern Baptist Convention is a sad failure.

"A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER"

I want my heart made pure, dear Lord,
I want to know and love thy Word;
To be all glorious within,
Freed from each spot and stain of sin.

I want the New Year's opening days
To fill with love, and prayer, and praise.
Some little things to do for thee,
For thou hast done great things for me.

I want some other soul to bring
To thee, my Savior and my King.
Thou wilt not, Lord, my prayer deny,
For thou canst all my wants supply.

In Jesus' name our prayer we raise,
Whose guiding hand has blessed our days.
And may we, Lord, in godly fear
Serve thee through all this coming year."

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March 3, 1879."

THE year 1920 was one that ought
to cause the people of Illinois to be
profoundly thankful to God for many
blessings. Great abundance and no
great calamities have been our portion.

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SOME people are complaining and
blaming others for misfortunes they
brought upon themselves. The writer
was recently talking with a farmer near
Springfield. He said the farmers were
being slaughtered and that they were
helpless. Before the conversation ended
he stated that he now has 5,000 bushels
of old corn that he had refused to sell
at \$2.00 per bushel.

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LET us not blame the Lord or other
people for our misfortunes that
come as the result of our own short-
sightedness or of our own greed and
selfishness. As a rule during the past
year crops have been good and nearly
all laboring people have had plenty of
work at good wages.

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WE cannot now know what 1921 will
bring. It is quite evident that
great changes will come. Prices are
dropping rapidly. Price on sugar came
down first, one-third of what it was
was eight months ago. Then farm prod-
ucts, such as corn, wheat, hogs and cat-

tle, but now almost every thing follows.
As soon as some prices started down
people began to quit buying high priced
goods.

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SHOE merchants seem to be holding
the prices up, but if the people would
get their old shoes repaired and quit
buying high priced shoes they would soon
come down. The merchants complain
that they have high-priced goods. That
is true, but when prices went up they had
low priced goods.

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ONE of the difficulties of this year
will be the lowering of the prices
of labor. Labor cannot keep up on its
high price if all other things are reduced.
Several millions of new homes are
needed in America, but they cannot be
erected so long as carpenter work, brick
masonry, and plumbing work are from
\$1.00 to \$1.50 per hour.

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IN all the trying conditions of life it
is a good thing to have faith in Al-
mighty God, as revealed to men through
his son Jesus Christ. God will care for
his people; not a sparrow falleth to the
ground without his notice.

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THE indications are that God is just
ready to open the windows of
heaven to pour out a great blessing upon
the people of Illinois this coming year,
if we will place ourselves in a position
so that he can consistently bless us.

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TWO things the Baptists of Illinois
should bear in mind this year. 1.
To promptly and regularly pay the
money that has been subscribed on the
New World Movement. The work at
home and abroad cannot be carried on
unless the pledges are promptly paid.

2. Every effort should be made to get every Baptist who has not yet made a subscription to do so. Many churches have not yet made the every-member canvass on the New World Movement. Not one should let the first of May come without falling in line and make a thorough and careful every-member canvass for this work.

1921

We are now in the first month of the New Year. We are getting far enough away from World War conditions to give our attention wholly to the religious conditions of the world. In some respects we are entering upon such a year as the world has never seen before. There are perhaps at this time four times as many starving people in the world as ever before in its history at any one time. Perhaps from ten to fifteen millions of people in Europe, greatly underfed and many of them at the starving point; many hundreds of thousands in the near East are needing help and the famine in North China is said to affect more or less 30,000,000 of people, and perhaps 20,000,000 are at the starving point now. All over the world there is such a restlessness and nervousness as was never known before. Even in our own country with all its prosperity and abundance of everything there is much unrest, both among laborers and manufacturers.

Military power, great armaments and wealth will not save the world. The regenerating power of the Gospel, its civilizing influence upon all classes is the only power that can save this world. The world at home and abroad is open to receive the Gospel at this time as never before. Wherever an earnest evangelistic effort is made, the people seem ready to

receive the word. Our Baptist Missionaries have received and baptized into the churches within the last few months, more old and middle-aged people than I have ever known them to do before.

The time has come when laymen and women as well as preachers should try to save this world. Business men are giving money for religious and Missionary work as never before. 1920 was by far the greatest year in raising money the Baptists have ever known. Let 1921 be the greatest year in service, and in personal work we have ever known.

Many, many thousands of men are waiting for some employer or some associate in business or some fellow laborer to ask them to surrender to Christ and become a Christian, but many of these have been associated with professing Christians for ten years or more and perhaps not a person has made an effort to win them to Christ and to the church. Let the year 1921 be a new year with Baptists of Illinois in personal work. There is something wrong with a church that has from 600 to 800 members and on a nice Sunday does not have more than from one hundred to one hundred fifty at service. These things can be remedied the coming year if all our people will wake up to the needs of the world and the opportunities God is giving us.

Charleston is a nice little city on the eastern side of the state. One of the State Normal schools is located there. The Baptist church has always been weak in that city. A few years ago they bought the Cumberland Presbyterian meeting house. About \$1,000 to \$1,200 seemed to be their outside limit for pastoral support. The first of October the State Convention sent Rev.

Henry L. Duff to that field. The church called him and ten weeks later District Superintendent Yule was sent to that field to make an every-member canvass for current expenses. He raised about \$2400 and the church work is now moving along hopefully.

The Clinton church has a good meeting house well located in that thriving city. It is the only Baptist church in DeWitt county. It had been pastorless for two or three years but kept up a good Sunday school. The first of October, Rev. S. B. Dexter was called as pastor. Since that time there have been forty additions, twenty-four of them by baptism. The writer visited that church the first Sunday in this month. There were 135 in the Sunday school and the morning service was fine. The pastor is just beginning a revival meeting with a singer and his wife to assist. The outlook for Clinton at this time is very hopeful. The church is also coming up on the New World Movement.

The Batavia church in the Chicago Association located Rev. Fred W. Field as its pastor September 1st. Reports from the field indicate a very hopeful condition at this time.

The Woodstock church, county seat of McHenry County, managed to get along for the past forty years or more on about \$800 or \$900 and parsonage for pastor. Last summer Rev. Geo. H. Yule gave them two weeks of his vacation and raised for current expenses about \$2800. The church located as pastor Rev. John Hess about two months ago and the work is moving on well.

The Bois d'Arc and Zenobia churches, two country fields in the Springfield Association have planned to work together for the support of a pastor. Possibly neither church in its history has had a

pastor located on its field. They have rented a good house for a parsonage and about twelve acres of ground, about four miles from each church. The two churches are able and willing to give a fine support. They are splendid communities of American people. Here is a great opportunity for the right man, one who loves the country and knows how to run a Ford or some other machine.

"OUTLINE OF NEW WORLD MOVEMENT

Program to May 1, 1921

Publish monthly in our periodicals statements showing financial status of campaign by states.

Feature each month what our New World Movement funds are accomplishing in our various fields of endeavor—hot shot from the front line trenches.

Push the family group plan in our churches with which to secure co-operation in the entire local church program—fellowship, stewardship, deepening of the spiritual life, evangelism and thorough participation of the church in the missionary program.

December 26—Special Christmas offering for relief in Europe. This to count on our One Hundred Million Dollar Fund.

January 2-9—Observe Week of Prayer with special program for the development of a new sense of communion with God, and for a full participation of our Baptist churches in the whole program of the Kingdom of God. A new consecration of our lives and means to the full glory of God.

Great Regional Missionary Conferences. From these to carry the lighted torch to associational conferences and then to church groups and family firesides. These to be held through the months of January and February.

Observe in common with all denominations the period of January 23 to February 20 as Stewardship period, culminating in a "League of Christian Stewards in every church."

March 20 to 27—The culmination in this preceding Easter week of all our evangelistic work of the weeks before. A great ingathering of new recruits for His service and glory.

March 27—A great Thank Offering of One Million Dollars "From the Baptists of America for the children of the World." This to be in addition to all the pledges and cash payments already made on the

New World Movement—but also to apply on the same.

March 27 to April 4—"On to Victory." A week of definite campaign by churches (1) who have made quota to enlarge; (2) those who have not completed to finish quota; (3) those who have put on no campaign to do so; (4) to find individuals here and there untouched and enlist their co-operation.

April 24 to May 1—Anniversary Week. A period for the payment of all pledges due by churches and individuals.

A great program of objectives reached step by step will mean great advances in every goal of our great Movement: Souls brought to Christ, lives dedicated to special service, and means consecrated to the fulfilling of the Great Commission."

CHURCHES

"Rev. Frank G. Sayers, pastor of the Freeport Baptist Church, baptized three adults Sunday evening, December 26th, bringing the total up to fourteen in eight weeks. Seven were received by baptism and others by experience and letter. Over twenty have united with the church since August and four more await baptism in the New Year. The congregations have never been better in the long history of the church. Last Sunday night the house was packed, gallery included. A man sixty-three years of age was converted three weeks ago and a young man of twenty on the same evening." The pastor was given a large check for Christmas in appreciation of services.

Rev. J. D. Scott, pastor of the St. Marys church, writes as follows: "I want to tell you about the glorious meeting we have just closed at St. Marys. We began the meeting November 16 and continued four weeks, closing December 12th. There were thirty-three in all. Thirty-one additions to the church. A very remarkable thing about the meeting to me was that there was not a child in the whole number. All grownup folks, the oldest being seventy-two years. Miss Frances Fredrickson led the singing and

did it well. The writer did the preaching as best we could by the Lord's help, and the Lord gave the increase. We had a good meeting here last year, too. Our people feel greatly encouraged. Just beginning to realize that they can do great things under God even out in the open country."

Rev. J. B. Martin, pastor at Havana, writes as follows: "The work here is growing nicely. We are not trying to do anything spectacular but believe that we are making steady progress in a substantial way. Director Koehler was here last night. There was a pretty good hearing for his stirring address and marked interest in his very practical and helpful manner of conducting the workers' conference."

Rev. T. Elmer Jones, pastor of the Barry church, writes on December 19th as follows: "Closed a two weeks' meeting here today. Baptized eleven this morning. Have received into the church a total of forty for the year, six of these at the Mt. Zion Chapel. Have baptized twenty-nine. Go to Plainville in January to assist Rev. Hondy West-erfield in a meeting."

Rev. Joseph Jenkins of Jerseyville, writes: "A two weeks' meeting held in Mt. Gilead resulted in five waiting for baptism, three uniting by experience and the church being very much revived and encouraged. A two weeks' meeting in the little church, located about eight miles southwest of Jerseyville, that was dedicated last summer, resulted in thirty-five accepting Christ as Savior and Lord. This is what may be termed as a real Mission field for the church is not yet organized. The response to the preaching of the Gospel was a real delight. The Spirit was certainly present in power and I was glad to be the agent used to

proclaim the message of Life Eternal through Christ."

The Damascus church of which Rev. Wm. H. Dickman is pastor, has made fine repairs on the parsonage, redecorating the interior and in the spring they expect to paint both parsonage and church. The pastor says, "It is a real pleasure to preach to the Lena congregation. They seem to be so appreciative."

Rev. Chas. W. Wolfe writes from Clayton: "Everything seems to be going well at Clayton. Attendance and interest are good. Sunday School averages nearly double of one year ago. Kellerville a little slower, partly due to bad weather and sickness when I have been there."

The clerk of the Pontiac church writes the following news item: "During the past two months we have had eleven baptisms and have four more to be baptized Sunday evening. Fourteen have been received by letter and experience. The B. Y. P. U. has been re-organized and is well attended, and the prayer meetings are the best we have had in years. The pastor's salary has been increased \$300.00 per year."

Rev. S. L. Cobb, pastor of the Oreana church, writes on December 17th as follows: "Last Sunday, Rev. George H. Yule closed a brief meeting with us. It was possible for him to be with us only four days. He made an every-member canvass in behalf of the New World Drive. While we did not reach our allotment the church gave as never before. The canvass is not yet complete, but in the brief time \$1,031.00 was pledged."

Early in December, Rev. Thaddeus L. Stephens wrote as follows: "We began special revival services a week ago Sunday. The interest and attendance have

been very good. Four persons came forward last Sunday and we expect a number of decisions before the meetings close. The Holy Spirit is present in power and the church is receiving spiritual tonic and the outlook is more encouraging."

Rev. M. E. Powley, pastor of the Bethel church in the Rock Island Association, writes concerning a meeting: "We began a revival meeting November 23d, which lasted eleven days. Rev. S. R. Kirkland, D.D., of Urbana, did the preaching. Twenty-four have been baptized and others will be Wednesday of this week. The church is strengthened and we think in a good shape for future work."

Rev. George W. Stoddard of Decatur, writes the following: "Mrs. J. M. Wood, widow of Rev. Wood, former pastor of East Park church in Decatur, distributed mite boxes for the benefit of the children of Hudelson home a few weeks ago and the boxes were opened Thursday evening, December 9th and \$116.00 was realized for the Hudelson Orphanage."

The First Church of Rock Island, of which Rev. J. C. Oranger is pastor, is doing quite encouraging work. The Sunday School now averages 270. The B. Y. P. U. is doing good and at the Sunday morning services the auditorium is well filled. Current expenses are all paid and \$400 in the treasury.

LEAVING THE MINISTRY

Why do men leave the ministry for some kind of business? Within recent years there have been an unusual number of men who have left the ministry for business. A few of these have made a larger income for a time than they received as pastors. Some in a little while

did not succeed so well. Some have made an effort to do business and supply churches, making business their chief aim and supplying churches as a side issue. Can a man with a proper conception of the ministry turn aside from it to business while he is able to preach? And if a man can succeed in business, he has strength enough to succeed in the ministry unless he is troubled with some unusual kind of sickness. Some answer that the support in the ministry is not sufficient. But my observation has been that it is not as a rule the most poorly paid ministers that go into business. Ministers are as well supported now, in comparison with the average line of business, as they have been in the history of Christianity. And if need be they can do some things on the side to aid in a living. Paul made tents to pay his board when the occasion demanded it. A preacher may make a fine garden, keep a fine bunch of chickens or in many other ways aid himself to some extent without in any way interfering with his ministerial work. Some say ministers have a hard time and poor pay. That is certainly true and any young man who looks toward the ministry with any other thought in mind should be persuaded not to enter it. When God called Paul into the ministry he said to Ananias, "He is a chosen vessel with me to bear my name before the Gentiles and Kings, and the children of Israel." Then God did not say that he should have a good and easy time and plenty of money, but he said, "I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." Paul suffered imprisonment and scourging and stoning and shipwreck, but he never gave up the ministry to go into business.

Some men say that they want more

money to give their families a chance in the world. But the ministry is as well supported now as it was fifty years ago. And a larger proportion of ministers' sons and daughters are prominent in the world today than those of any other class of people. Ministers' families have the very best opportunities, taking things as they are, for making good in the world. The proper conception of the ministry is a sure call of God to preach the word, a feeling of "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." Some of the most contented ministers I meet and those with happy families are ministers with only a moderate salary. Churches should be encouraged to give better financial support to the pastors. But whatever the condition, no man who is called of God to preach should think of giving up the ministry for business. Of course if men have lost faith in the inspiration of the scriptures, in the deity of Christ, in the miracles, in the resurrection of Jesus, then the only honest thing they can do is to give up the ministry and go into business. But we are speaking of those who believe in these things and think they can turn aside from the ministry. My prediction is that they can never be happy and probably not financially successful.

DEATHS

Mr. Carlton Taylor, son of Dr. C. E. Taylor, pastor of the First Church in Rock Island for many years, died a few days ago. Mr. Taylor had been doing clerical work in the Woodman office in Rock Island for more than twenty years and at the time of his death was an associate editor of the Woodman paper. He was a faithful worker and member in the Rock Island First Church.

Mr. Henry C. Bower, one of the leading members of the Oreana church, died

December 14th. He had been treasurer of that church for forty-eight years and served as a deacon forty-five years.

Mrs. Huldah Preston, a member of the Grant Park Church, passed away a little more than one month ago. She was a devoted elderly Christian woman. She left in her will \$1000 for the Illinois Baptist State Convention.

"Mrs. Goldia Ellison, the wife of Rev. L. E. Ellison, pastor of the Villa Grove church, passed away Nov. 11. Rev. C. C. Long, Urbana, conducted the funeral service at Villa Grove, and D. O. Hopkins, Normal, held the service at Macomb. Mrs. Ellison had preached in a number of places in western Illinois. She had held evangelistic meetings in several places in the Quincy and Salem associations. She was modest, unassuming, kind. She held the pastorate of the Arcola Church while her husband was in war service. A few weeks before her death she gave birth to a little son, Luther Ernest, whom she dedicated to the Lord's work. Her missionary activities in the Bloomfield Association have been very much appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Ellison had been married about three years."

PERSONAL

On December 29th, Mrs. W. R. Johnson of Jacksonville, writes: "Mr. Johnson is in the hospital, was taken sick Saturday morning and on Sunday morning was operated on for appendicitis. Getting along nicely. Was a serious operation."

The Windsor Park church of which Rev. Fred F. Shields had been pastor for about five years, made very strong resolutions of appreciation of his work when he closed his pastorate to accept the Orion field.

Rev. T. N. Marsh of Upper Alton, has been seriously ill. He is seventy-nine years of age and has been steadily driving out into the country to preach and do pastoral work. Recently he was taken sick while away from home. A newspaper reports as follows: "Last Saturday night he filled an appointment at Wrightsville and the following morning he started to drive back with his horse and buggy to Alton. He was stricken with illness soon after starting from Wrightsville, and all through Sunday the horse, practically unguided, wandered about the country, as the minister was in a semi-conscious condition. Just before darkness came Sunday evening, the vehicle was drawn into the village of Rockbridge, only about five miles from where the morning journey had been started. There the horse stopped and some people who knew Mr. Marsh took him in."

Our old friend, John Ruthven, who was so well known to the Baptist young people in Illinois a few years ago, writes the following from Washington, D. C.: "Greetings to all my Illinois friends. What has become of my old 'side-kicker,' Will Morris? He was at Oshkosh and left there, but I never learned where he went. Give him my regards when you see him. I enclose twenty-five cents for the Bulletin. I miss it. I can't keep track of your 'behavings' out there without it. Fraternally and with very best regard.—John Ruthven."

The Associational Board of Promotion in the Springfield Association is making a strong effort to be of benefit to the churches of that Association. In the Prospectus sent out, the Promotion Board makes some very helpful suggestions. We quote a few of the following: The Board of Promotion of the

Springfield Association believe that the churches of the Association should co-operate in their work so as to be mutually helpful. Often some of our smaller churches are denied some of the privileges of the churches in the larger towns. Accordingly your board has arranged to supply any church in the Association with any of the series mentioned. The only cost to the local church to be the railroad fare to the visiting ministers and their entertainment while present. The following are the types of services the board proposes: 1. Bible Conference; 2, Evangelistic Services; 3, Bible School Conference; 4, Church Organization and Finance.

The Department on Evangelism in Illinois, of which Rev. J. L. Meads of Benton, is chairman, sends out a very interesting circular letter to many of the pastors in the state. There are some very suggestive statements in this document by the Department of Evangelism, but we do not have space to publish them in the Bulletin.

ORDINATIONS

A representative council was called by the Divernon church to consider the propriety of ordaining the newly elected pastor, Rev. A. S. Kellie. Rev. B. F. Martin of Springfield, was chosen as moderator and Rev. Chas. R. Drussel of Springfield, as clerk. The examination being satisfactory to the council, a motion was made to proceed for the ordination. Brother Kellie was a member of the Methodist church, but having changed his views upon the subject of baptism, he united with the Baptist church in Peoria.

The old Stonington church called a council together of pastors of the Springfield Association to consider the ordina-

tion of their pastor, Rev. R. H. Crawford, December 7th, 1920. Rev. Victor N. Witter of Stonington, was made moderator and Rev. G. W. Stoddard of Decatur, the clerk. Dr. T. Harley Marsh of Decatur, conducted the examination. The examination proved satisfactory and he was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry on that night.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

Evangelist T. O. McMinn, of southern Illinois, was laid aside for about two weeks with bronchitis, but he is now entirely well again and at this writing is engaged in a meeting at Rock Springs, a country church five miles northeast of Carbondale.

District Superintendent Dent held a three weeks meeting, assisting Pastor Harry E. Miles, at Walnut. There had not been a baptism on that field for about four or five years. The interest was good. Eleven people made a profession of faith and at the last report twelve had been received into the church. Pastor Miles writes: "Evangelist Dent proved to be a very acceptable helper and left nothing undone which might contribute to the success of the meetings. He won favor with all and left no stings and succeeded in presenting the Gospel in such a winsome way that all were pleased with his methods."

Rev. Frank Metcalf of Bradford is having very encouraging success. The pastor says: "Four members have been added to the church by letter. We have more than doubled in our Sunday School attendance. Three new classes have been organized. On December 12th we had a Rally Day. The aim was to reach the one hundred mark and we had one hundred eight present. We surprised the

whole town with our attendance of twenty-five men (mostly all married), in our Bible class." District Superintendent Hopkins will soon assist in meetings at that place.

Rev. G. W. Claxon, pastor of the Roseville church, writes: "I have been so busy that I have neglected writing you, expressing the appreciation of the splendid work of Dr. Hopkins the few days he was here in taking the canvass. The church regards the plan as being much better than the incomplete work done by the average church committee."

District Superintendent George H. Yule writes as follows: "This has been a month of successes and victories on each field I have worked. East Moline was an achievement. Tuscola was a victory. Oreana was a success and Charleston was a combination of all these qualities. At Tuscola, we had a wonderful business meeting and reports from all departments without a break. They called Rev. Mr. Lloyd, a student of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, at \$1200. He is to spend three days on the field each week and all of his vacations." Brother Yule spent two weeks on the Charleston field in assisting in the meeting and making an every-member canvass. The success was a surprise to every one. The amount raised for current expenses was about double of what they have ever raised before and the pastor, Rev. Henry L. Duff, seems to be getting a good hold of the work at that place.

District Superintendent James B. Little spent two weeks during the holiday season in his old home in North Carolina. He came back in good condition for his work and to Campbell Hill in southern Illinois, to baptize quite a number of converts where he held a meeting a few

weeks ago. Campbell Hill and Willisville churches extended a call to Rev. Mr. Gilbert to become their pastor. Missionary Little says, "We have had a real nice Christmas, but I am anxious to get back to my work."

Rev. C. W. Webb of Wood River, writes that his home has been quarantined on account of Scarlet Fever, and that sickness has greatly hindered the work in that city for a few weeks, having interfered with his ministry in the ordinance of baptism and other things. He says: "I went to Collinsville and did some baptizing for them and had two excellent services."

All the churches and Sunday Schools in Normal were closed up for two weeks during the holidays on account of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Smallpox. The quarantine is now raised and health conditions seem to be better. The Baptist church felt a great loss in having to close its services and during this important period, our Sunday School Director, Rev. Louis H. Koehler, has been quarantined on account of Scarlet Fever in his home, but at this time he has been released and is now out on the field.

The work at the University church, under the direction of Pastor Bryant and his wife, is more encouraging this year than ever before. The last report showed an average attendance in the morning preaching service of 174, in the Sunday School, 110, and in the B. Y. P. U., 101. Almost this entire congregation is of the student population.

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk held a meeting up until nearly Christmas at Sparland. It was a difficult season of the year for a meeting, but some results were accomplished. His next meeting will be in Cornell, assisting Rev. F. T. Klotszche in a series of meetings.

District Superintendent Dent is at this time conducting a meeting at the Downers Grove church assisting the pastor, Mr. Stewart. We will report the results of the meeting next month.

Rev. V. Prodan, our Roumanian Missionary in Aurora, sends in his quarterly report and writes a very encouraging letter. He has been our Missionary for one-half time work in Aurora for three months. He says in part: "Yesterday was a day of joy for us in Aurora when four persons, two men and two women, were baptized from the Aurora Mission. We had several visitors from different cities, Ottawa, Chicago, and Gary, Indiana. From Gary, quite a bunch of young people came with their brass band and played for us, praising the Lord. Several men and women came from the Greek church to see the Scriptural act of baptism. They seemed to be very interested in the matter and our prayer is that the Lord may open their eyes so that they may be able to see the truth as it is in Jesus."

In the early part of December, Dr. D. O. Hopkins made an every-member canvass for current expenses of the Rozetta church, of which Rev. G. W. Wright is pastor. The meetings were quite successful, and a little more than \$2000 was raised.

Rev. E. W. Lounsbury, D.D., of Aurora, writes appreciatively a letter from which is quoted the following: "The Bulletin brings us great joy each month. Wish it were a weekly visitor. I am now in my 80th year and know that my days are numbered, and the Scripture is true when it says, 'Our garments and our shoes are worn because of the very long journey.' I want to tell you while we are both living, how very highly I appreciate your grand work in Illinois.

Your executive ability, your orthodoxy, and your faithfulness have given you great success and endeared you not only to this state, but to the entire denomination." Dr. Lounsbury is in the active pastorate doing successful work as pastor of the East Park Baptist church in Aurora.

"We are always learning new things about our wonderful Territory of Alaska, and one of the surprises is contained in a statement by a writer in the 'Century' about its geographical position. He says: 'Alaska is as large as Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, England, Ireland, Scotland, and two-thirds of the former German Empire. It covers exactly the same parallels of latitude that these countries cover, possesses the same climate, and much the same wealth in forests and tillable soil, with a vastly greater wealth in animal life and minerals.'"

A layman from Alton writes the following concerning the State Convention meeting in Kewanee: "I want to tell you that I felt the Convention this year was very high class. It seemed to me a splendid thing to take the entire evening for the Missionaries to tell their story. Surely that was interesting to them and the audience. All the addresses were fine, but what a savor Dr. Ross' Devotional Service did give to the whole meeting. May the Lord give you a good year and his richest blessings be with you and the work in all its phases."—Wm. P. Pierson.

Rev. H. R. Waldo, formerly pastor at Macomb, and now at Franklin, Indiana, is engaged in evangelistic work and expresses a willingness to assist churches in Illinois in revival meetings.

"Recently we saw in an exchange an article headed, 'Whither Are Baptists Drifting?' As a matter of fact there are three classes of Baptists—some who are going steadily forward, some who are drifting, and many who are standing as still as a hitching post."

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

Again we are at the close of another calendar year and as we look back upon the year's work we feel like shouting the praises of the Lord by using the psalmist's language, "How great is thy goodness!" Truly "goodness and mercy" have followed us throughout the year. Our storehouse and larder have not been empty during the year. This is the more remarkable when one thinks of the large number of children cared for and on the other hand the high cost of living.

It seems as though our many friends vied with one another to bring comfort and cheer to our large family—especially is this true of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Not a child was forgotten and some had duplicate gifts.

The Superintendent and Matron wish to thank the numerous friends in behalf of the children for the many blessings enjoyed throughout the year. We especially wish to thank the Tabernacle Sunday School and church for the continued favor of a turkey dinner. For sixteen consecutive years these friends have supplied the children of the Home with turkey.

At this writing everybody is enjoying exuberant health and the recent snow and ice afford plenty of exercise and amusement. Sleds and skates are in evidence everywhere. Inquiry has been made concerning annuities, would say that we have a beautiful annuity certificate and we pay the usual interest—no better investment anywhere.

Wishing all our friends a Happy New Year.

The Baptist Old People's Home

Maywood, Illinois
Mrs. A. W. Runyan, Sec'y.
5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago

Christmas has come and gone. The day at the Home was a happy one—made so by the generous gift of a modest woman (whose name must not be publicly mentioned) providing for that day's expense and a generous treat—others sent smaller amounts for the Christmas season, so that many special comforts and some luxuries were enjoyed during the holiday season. Among the things thus specially provided are subscriptions to several good papers and magazines which will give pleasure all the year. New Years Day was also specially provided for. Thank you dear friends, for the gifts and the much appreciated loving messages that came with them, indicating not charity but fellowship.

The cash donations from churches and Sunday Schools were much fewer in number than at former Christmas seasons. This should not be so, for the need is greater. While the amount coming from Illinois through the Promotion Board is a great help and is appreciated, do not forget that it is not half enough to meet the expenses—so if you desire to help meet the balance of the necessary expense, do not forget to send direct to either of our treasurers—Mrs. Ella Wangeman, at 6130 Ellis Avenue, or Mr. Laurin H. Turner, at 226 West Adams Street, Chicago.

We are looking to every church in the state through some of its organizations to provide at least the necessary expense for one day (\$30.00 including the coal, or \$25.00 without).

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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Happy New Year! The old-time wish again sent out to the women of our state. May each one prove a blessing to others during the year.

Do you know this is to be a "history-making" year for Illinois women? Let me tell you a secret. Soon we are to be a part of a splendid Union District! Committees from our National Societies are working on this consolidation of interests, and before many months Central District, which comprises Michigan, Illinois and Missouri, will have its Woman's Work presented as a whole. Our State Society has for so many years been entirely union that we rejoice most heartily in this new plan for unified effort and feel it means advance in the work of Christ's Kingdom.—Mrs. W. P. Topping.

In October's Bulletin reference was made to Miss Effie M. Hoover who has been appointed to a Mission School among the Crow Indians as being from Monmouth. Her home town is Berwick.

Annual Reports: Before you read this, every Circle President, W. W. G. and C. W. C. leader in the state should have received our "Annual Report" of the W. B. M. S. of Illinois. We believe every officer will read and use these valuable books during the year. We urge the observance of a State Afternoon with program arranged from material found in our "Annual Report." Send interesting items about such meetings to editor of this page.

The committee of Religious Educa-

tion of the Bloomfield Association, has been doing splendid work. A series of rallies was held during the month of November and continued the first week in December, covering each church in the Association. At each of these meetings a missionary address was given with the purpose of strengthening those circles already formed and helping to re-organize those disbanded.

Splendid reports have come from these meetings and the results so far show new interest along missionary lines in all churches visited, while quite a few circles have been formed. The most notable feature of this work is that the women of this Association have planned and carried on the work themselves, giving cheerfully of their time and talents.

These meetings culminated in an Associational Rally at Danville, Dec. 30-31. Woman's work was represented by Mrs. R. A. Hilton, from Bloomfield.

"The women are taking a great interest in the Reading Course. See Bloomfield is going to win the loving cup this year. One of the pastors is going to organize a Men's Mission Circle. He received the inspiration in the Rally."

Wabash Valley Association is planning for a Religious Institute to be held January 14-16 at Olney. Rev. Jones Earl Corwin of Flora, who has arranged the program writes: "There is a wonderful awakening in this section and we are just praising God for it." Woman's Work will be presented by Mrs. W. P. Topping and Mrs. C. A. Peterson.

Department of Religious Education

Chairman Rev. Herbert Hines, El Paso, Director Rev. Louis H. Koehler, Normal

THE SUMMER ASSEMBLY

The outlook for the 1921 assembly is most encouraging. Work on the program is progressing rapidly and at an early date we will be able to announce most of the faculty members. Be sure and save the date—July 16-23, 1921. This will be a real training school for disciples of the Kingdom. A three years' diploma course will be begun, with special emphasis placed upon Bible, Psychology and Pedagogy as principal subjects. Ministers and church advisory boards should take advantage of this great opportunity and send two or more of their prospective leaders. Better still, the minister should head a delegation from his own church. It would be a fine thing if churches would make an annual appropriation of \$25, \$50 or \$75 in the church budget for paying part of the expenses of several delegates to the summer assembly. This action would reveal real business ability on the part of the church officials. Money spent in training is never lost. The wood chopper who takes time to sharpen his ax cuts more timber than the man who hurries to the forest with a dull ax. Come, friends, boost the summer assembly for the sake of Kingdom growth.

TEACHER TRAINING

It is a joy to report that this phase of our church work is making headway. The state director is being continually surprised by finding training classes in the most out of the way places. Interest is undoubtedly deepening and the seed

sown in years past is beginning to bear fruit. Our ministers are taking the lead in this now and that augurs well for the future of the church. Many ministers are conducting the training classes, while in other fields they are instrumental in promoting the work and securing teachers. Let the good work go on. Be sure to take the examinations. Send to headquarters, American Baptist Publication Society, 1701 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., for examination questions. It is hoped that in the near future, when we have a state office for all the field workers of the State Convention, to care for the examinations in the state. For the present, however, please send to headquarters for the questions on each book in the course.

BLOOMFIELD ASSOCIATION NOTES

Early, very early Christmas morning, about a dozen of the workers of the Mattoon B. Y. P. U. journeyed to the city hospital and sang Christmas hymns to those confined by illnesses. From there they went to the Old Folks' Home and continued their ministry of good cheer and Christmas joy. Needless to say the young people found as much joy in this service of love as they brought joy to the shut-ins.

The educational rallies conducted in thirty-three of the churches of the Bloomfield Association wound up with an additional Associational Rally in the Danville church. About a dozen churches were represented. There were splendid discussions, especially on religious education and the church school.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES AND KINGDOM RALLIES

Illinois is to have a series of conferences and rallies in the next two or three months, the influence of which should reach every church in the state. These are a part of the general denominational program as outlined at the last meeting of the General Board of Promotion recently held in Minneapolis.

Four or five regional conferences of two days' duration each will be held at certain centers. The teams for these conferences will be made up of one pastor, to conduct the devotional feature of the meetings, one foreign missionary, and one home missionary, and one secretary or other representative of a General Society, together with the Promotion Director and State Convention Secretary.

In addition to these regional conferences a great many Kingdom Rallies will be held, several within each association, and each rally of one day's duration, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. These rallies will be conducted jointly under the departments of Religious Education, Evangelism, Women's Work and Promotion.

The number of Kingdom Rallies in each association will be determined by the Promotion Committee or other representative body within a given association. Already Bloomington Association has determined upon seven, Central three, and Springfield three. The Bloomfield Association has just completed a highly instructive series of educational conferences in each church in the Association.

The following program has been tentatively adopted for each rally, subject, of course, to modification where necessary:

Morning—9:00 o'clock

- I. Evangelism, 9:00-11:30
 - (a) Adult Evangelism, 1¼ hours
 - (b) Evangelism in the Sunday School 1¼ hours.
- II. The State Convention and the New World Movement, 30 minutes.

Afternoon—2:00 o'clock

- I. Religious Education, Addresses and Conferences, 2:00-3:30.
- II. Woman's Work, W. W. G. and C. W. C., 3:30-4:45.
- III. Twenty questions on the New World Movement, 30 minutes.

Evening—7:30 o'clock—"Enlistment"

- I. "Enlistment of Possessions," 30 minutes.
- II. Consecration Address, "Enlistment of Life," 30 minutes.

A letter from Campbell Hill says: "The special two weeks' meeting held in our church and conducted by Rev. J. B. Little closed on the 5th. The attendance was good, sermons excellent and the results gratifying. We had seventeen additions to the church, ranging in ages from thirteen to eighty-five years. We had three elderly persons to unite with our church. One, eighty-five years of age and one eighty, and another seventy-five years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Little endeared themselves to all persons with whom they came in contact."

A MISFORTUNE

About eleven o'clock, forenoon, January 5th, the house of Rev. D. O. Hopkins was discovered to be on fire. Dr. Hopkins was at Palermo at that time holding a meeting. The fire had gotten such a strong hold before discovered that the upper part of the house was destroyed. Most of the household goods were removed without serious damage.

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Holy Spirit

About thirty-seven years ago the writer heard the world renowned lecturer, Joseph Cook, make the statement in Tremont Temple, Boston, "That all intelligent readers of the Scriptures were forced to the conclusion that the Bible represents God as a tri-personality." The Bible also plainly teaches the deity of each person of the God-head. Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, said, "The Comforter, even the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name will teach you all things and bring to your minds all what I said to you." Here Jesus speaks of this person who was to come among the disciples as the Comforter (Greek Paraklete) and also names him Holy Spirit. This one whom Jesus promises to be sent among the disciples is a person. He is not an angel. He is not a man and therefore must be a person of the Trinity. It is not easy to understand God revealed as a trinity and the human intellect cannot comprehend it. Neither can we understand our own dual natures of body and soul or spirit in one person and yet we know we have a body and we know we have a spirit, but we cannot comprehend or explain how they are joined together or how they exist in one person and yet we know that it is a fact.

God has clearly revealed himself in the Scriptures as a triune God revealed

as Father, Son and Holy Ghost. When the second person, the Son, was about to leave this world he promised to send the Holy Spirit, the third person. After the whole company of disciples had been together with one accord praying for ten days this promise was fulfilled by the Holy Spirit coming on the day of Pentecost. He filled their hearts and gave them tongues to speak the truth. It was on that occasion after the Holy Spirit had come among them that Peter preached one sermon that resulted in 3,000 conversions. When Jesus promised that he would go away and come again he fulfilled this promise in the coming of his otherself. The work of the Holy Spirit is to guide the minds of God's people and preside over the affairs of his church until Jesus comes again. It was this same Holy Spirit who led Philip from Samaria into the south country which resulted in the conversion of the Eunuch. It was the Holy Spirit who separated Paul and Barnabas from the church in Antioch and led them out as the first foreign missionaries. It was the Holy Spirit who directed Peter in opening the doors of the church for the first Gentile converts and directed Paul's feet from Asia into Europe. He is still in the work and working among his people. There are great victories for Christ whenever souls yield to be led by the

Holy Spirit. He led Martin Luther in the great reformation. He lead John Knox in the saving of Scotland from Romanism, and William Carey, the first missionary from England to India, and Adoniram Judson as the first foreign missionary from America.

If disciples of Christ, great or small, learned or illiterate, will have the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, they must humbly and earnestly and prayerfully seek his guidance and willingly and unselfishly yield to his influences.

Let it be remembered that the Holy Spirit is all powerful. He can work through the weakest instrumentalities and make them very powerful if they will fully depend upon him in the right way. There is no cause for discouragement anywhere if a few people will depend fully upon the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit. Let us be sure we are working and living according to the teachings of God's word; then let us believe that the Holy Spirit is with us and depend upon him to give success to our work. Too many of us seem to live as though God were off in some other world and that he has not been close to men since Jesus ascended to heaven but let us remember that soon after Jesus went away the Spirit came, to remain with his people and he is here now, and just as able and willing to work as on the day of Pentecost.

CALLING PASTORS

There is no one point upon which many Baptist churches make a more serious error than in calling a new pastor. Some churches, when they become pastorless, begin hearing new men. It makes but little difference who it is, they

are willing to give him a hearing. We would like to make a few suggestions to pastorless churches or churches that may become pastorless in the near future. If you know a pastor, his character and his work and know he would suit your field if you could get him, you are safe in inviting him to candidate. But *never, never* invite a preacher to supply your pastorless church until you know something about him. If he is a stranger, do not have him visit your field until you learn about him from some one in whom you have confidence. Some of the poorest pastors and sometimes notorious frauds can make a fine impression when they visit a church and some of these are called without further investigation. Never invite a man to candidate because some personal friend of his recommends him. It is a severe criticism upon some of our pastors; but some preachers are so kind-hearted that they will recommend a personal friend or a classmate to some church, especially if that church is quite a distance away, who has been a failure where he has been, but they want to give him another chance.

We must all be very kind and considerate toward men who are out of work, but we must not be unfair to the churches. We need not, except in rare cases, advise churches not to call men, but if we are true to the churches when we recommend men we must give them all the facts we know and let the church judge for itself. The prosperity of the churches depends almost wholly upon the type of pastor they locate. For this reason churches should be very careful and those who counsel with them and recommend men as pastors should be very careful and deal fairly with the churches.

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FEBRUARY 1st has come, with but
very light winter in Illinois. In the
central portion of the state there has
been but one or two nights below zero.

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NOW is the time to work up a strong
club for The Bulletin in your
church. If twenty or more names are
sent in at one time, the paper can be se-
cured for a year at twenty cents each.
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REMEMBER that no paper is con-
tinued after the time expires.
Money must always be sent in advance
for papers. The Bulletin is published in
the interest of the denomination in the
state and not simply for the Convention.

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DO not let any conclude that interest
in State Convention work has de-
clined because we are not asking for
money for State Missions. Our state
money was included in the \$100,000,000
Campaign and it comes in every month
in one sum.

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IT is encouraging how the churches
and individuals have taken hold of
our Charitable Institutions. The Gener-
al Promotion Board turns over \$5,000

per year to each of these institutions, and
beside that the Baptists of the state seem
to be encouraging and supporting them
as never before. Superintendents Mc-
Gillivray and Hafer have good encour-
agement for the future of the orphan-
ages.

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IF however, the Old People's Home
and the Orphanages are to become
what they should to the Baptist denomina-
tion they should have the sympathy and
support of every church in the state.
Young People's Societies and Sunday
Schools can do much along these lines.

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THE Illinois Baptist Annual will be
out and distributed this month. Even
after waiting so long, some of the stat-
istics had to be repeated from last year.
Any up-to-date clerk who knows how to
work with printers ought to get the Min-
utes of any local Association, except Chi-
cago, out within two weeks after the As-
sociation meets. But some of the clerks
did not get out the Minutes within five
months from the meeting of the Associa-
tion last year.

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THE Illinois Baptists working with
the State Convention including the
Negro Baptists made a clear gain last
year of about 10,000. The indications
are that we will have a greater gain this
year than last. Our most striking gain
last year was not in membership but in
improved working conditions of the
churches.

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IT is marvelous how many of our
churches can double up on the
amount they give for Current Expenses
when one of our District Superintend-
ents makes a canvass. In many cases
the amount raised is from two to two

and a half times more than they had been accustomed to do.

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IN this issue of The Bulletin we are giving a cut of the Jewish Temple in Chicago and Rev. S. E. J. Watson, pastor of the Negro church, that purchased the Temple. That building could not possibly be erected at this time for less than \$300,000. The Home Mission Society of New York and Executive Council of Chicago, and the Illinois Baptist State Convention donated the first \$10,000 in purchasing the building. The Pilgrim church is building up very rapidly. There have been more than 1,000 additions within the past six months. Dr. Watson is a very able man.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

District Superintendent Dent is at this time holding a meeting at Warren, in the northwestern part of the state. He is having a good attendance and quite good interest. That church is pastorless and Brother Dent is anxious to find some one that can be located on that field.

District Superintendent Geo. H. Yule has just made a successful canvass of the Sycamore church. He spent one Sunday and a few days on that field and more than doubled their contributions for current expenses. The church is now greatly encouraged and appreciates the work of its pastor, Rev. E. K. Master-son.

Evangelist T. O. McMinn of southern Illinois, writes January 24th: "We came here to Pates Chapel last Tuesday night. The interest in the meetings is good. Deep conviction among the people and some are being saved. The church is working fine and we expect to see a successful meeting. Brother Bar-

ringer, the pastor, is very sick. The work is moving grandly in this Association, but we are still finding it difficult to get pastors for our pastorless churches."

District Superintendent James B. Little is having splendid success in extreme southern Illinois. He recently closed a splendid meeting at Ava where more than sixty united with the church. He was holding the meeting with the former Free Baptist church of that place and the ten remaining members of the old Missionary Baptist church united with them and brought in their property and they gave the united church the name, First Baptist Church of Ava. The church is very much encouraged and they expect to locate a pastor soon.

Rev. J. C. Dent on December 21st, writes as follows concerning the Gardner and South Wilmington churches: "I put in a busy day at Gardner and South Wilmington yesterday. I called on every Baptist family in Gardner and secured six subscriptions for the Bulletin, preached in South Wilmington and secured eleven subscriptions, one for every Baptist family. The Baptists in Gardner seem to have lost nearly all interest in denominational work. They do not have a meeting of any kind, but when I spoke about holding meetings there and see if I could get a pastor for their church and South Wilmington they were interested and hoped something could be done. The eleven Baptist families comprising eighteen members at South Wilmington are wide-awake. They have just resingled their church building at a cost of \$175, and are going to repair and re-decorate the building inside. We had a good meeting with thirty-three present, including the principal of the school. The people in South Wilmington voted

to have me hold two weeks' meetings some time in May or June if the coal mine does not shut down April 1st. They hold Sunday School every Sunday morning and Young People's meeting every Sunday evening."

Last month we called attention to a fire in the home of Dr. Hopkins in Normal. The house was partly destroyed, but was fully covered with insurance and it is almost ready for occupation again. After spending a few days at home the missionary went to Bradford to assist Pastor Metcalf in meetings on that field.

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk held a meeting at Cornell and on January 17th he writes: "We are having a pretty fair meeting here. Sickness is keeping some of the people away, but the interest is good and continues to grow. We had eight decisions yesterday. I expect to conclude here next Sunday and commence a meeting at LaMoille on the 30th."

The Marseilles church seems to be making steady progress. Rev. Geo. R. Wood has been our Missionary pastor on that field for several years. He is now teaching in the Theological Seminary in Chicago but lives in Ottawa and still gives his Sundays to the Marseilles work. He says: "We held a blue and gold contest in the Sunday School during the quarter and brought our highest attendance up to eighty-five. The young people also formed a Young People's Society during the past quarter. The National Biscuit Company has erected an eight story building in Marseilles and will bring several hundred more people there to help carry on the work. We hope some of the new comers may be Baptists."

Evangelist T. O. McMinn of southern Illinois, on January 10th wrote the fol-

lowing: "Our meeting at Rock Springs is doing fine. Two were converted last night. There has been a number of back-sliders reclaimed. Congregations are large and attentive. The weather is fine and the outlook is encouraging. The work is very encouraging this winter in this part of the state."

Mrs. W. W. Ashlock of Hamilton, writes very encouragingly concerning the work of Rev. J. T. Finnan of Elvaston in that town. She says: "He preached fine spiritual sermons. We had a singing evangelist to lead the singing. The attendance and interest was good. More than two-thirds of the congregations were members of the other churches. There are about twenty Baptists living in Hamilton. He held the meeting two weeks and three days and four professed faith in Christ. One of them, a Catholic lady."

Rev. A. C. Lillie, our Missionary pastor at Erie, says: "We have been progressing quite a little along spiritual lines and we feel that the Kingdom of God is going to prosper this year among our little band. We had a splendid time at our annual meeting. We have our church building quite well under headway. The church has been plastered on the interior. Our congregations are greatly increased at all services."

The writer spent one-half day recently in the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago in their new quarters at 3040 West Washington Blvd. That building is splendidly arranged for the school work. There was a good attendance of students and the outlook for the school seems very hopeful.

The Waukegan church of which Rev. W. C. Rutherford has been pastor for about five years, is doing perhaps the

best work in its history. The Sunday school crowds the capacity of the building and they hope to put on additional Sunday school rooms in the near future. The auditorium is very beautiful and large and is sufficient to accommodate that church for many years to come. Brother Rutherford and his wife appreciate the work there very much and are highly esteemed by the people.

The writer recently spent a Sunday night with the Russell church on the extreme northeastern border of the state. This is the only church in the neighborhood; the meeting house is in splendid repair but there are only two or three members of the church left. The outlook is now rather hopeful for building up a strong interest in that place. One of the students from the Theological Seminary is giving them every Sunday.

A mid-winter meeting of the Wabash Valley Association was held at Olney the middle of January. The attendance was quite good and the interest very deep. Mrs. W. P. Topping of Elgin, Mrs. Peterson of Chicago, Dr. A. E. Peterson of Chicago, Rev. L. H. Koehler and Rev. E. P. Brand of Normal, were present from outside of the Association. The churches of that Association seem to be doing good work. One field is yet pastorless that is willing to pay a fine support when the right man can be secured to take charge of two churches.

The writer preached Sunday night, January 18th for the First Baptist Church of East St. Louis. The people seemed to regret very much that the Galesburg church is taking their pastor from them. This church has about 1,100 members.

A meeting of the pastors and laymen of the Bloomington Association was held in the Y. M. C. A. building in

Bloomington, Monday, January 31st. After dinner together about three hours were spent in addresses and discussion. Dr. Poteat of the General Promotion Board was present and gave a very helpful address and answered a great many questions.

All the Missionaries and Evangelists of the State Convention are kept very busy at this time and are doing excellent work. Each one of them seems to be having good success wherever he holds a meeting or conducts an every-member canvass. The outlook for the denomination in the state looks very hopeful at this time.

SICKNESS

Church work has been very much hindered this winter by sickness. There seems to be no severe disease proving fatal in many cases, but the mild winter seems to have caused the milder cases to rage extensively. Scarlet Fever in a mild form is very prevalent. In Normal, all churches, Sunday Schools and other places of meeting were closed during the holidays and at this time six Baptist families in Normal are quarantined. The same thing is true to some extent in many towns and cities. Aside from this, the churches are making unusually fine progress this winter.

DEATHS

Rev. H. D. Morwood of Benson, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, January 24th. He was making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Davison. He was sick only a short time. Brother Morwood was quite an elderly brother and was pastor at Benson many years ago. He was a soldier in the army of the sixties and was a very faithful and true Baptist minister.

BLOOMFIELD ASSOCIATION

Bessie Winchester, Executive Secretary of the Department of Religious Education, writes a very encouraging survey of the work of Religious Education in the Bloomfield Association. This is the work of the Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and the Woman's Mission Circles. Nine counties are represented in the territory of this Association. There are forty-three churches. No regular services are being held in five of the churches at the present time. During the months of November and December Educational Rallies were conducted in the churches. Thirty rallies were held in a period of forty days. Eighty Conferences were conducted; also fifteen Children's Hours. Sixteen different people assisted in the rallies. Miss Winchester, the executive secretary, had general charge and Rev. L. H. Koehler of Normal, assisted in thirteen of the rallies.

In the territory of the Association there are thirty-seven Sunday Schools. Many helpful plans with regard to the Sunday School work were discussed in the Conferences; the results of which are already beginning to be realized. There are twenty-three B. Y. P. U.'s in this Association. Much was done for that work in these rallies. During the holidays an Educational Rally of the Association was held at Danville. If the church members of this and the next generation are to be efficient in Kingdom Service the church must provide an adequate program of Religious Education.

CHURCHES

Rev. Wylie E. Rose of St. Louis, has been pastor of the North Venice Baptist church for one year. He reports a very encouraging year's work. The Bible

School has so enlarged that new Sunday School quarters are needed. There is harmony and good fellowship in the church and the people made the pastor a Christmas present of \$35.00. His salary has been paid up promptly each month. The attendance at prayer meeting averages from fifty to fifty-four. The outlook for the future of this church is very hopeful.

A member of the Fairmount church writes the following: "The Fairmount Baptist church has recently organized a B. Y. P. U., a Men's Brotherhood and a teacher-training class. All of these new organizations are starting off with splendid enthusiasm and attendance. The Sunday School is growing; the attendance last Sunday was ninety-four. During the past few months the pastor, Rev. W. K. Morgan, has baptized nine men, several of whom are leading men in the community. All departments of the church are moving forward very satisfactorily."—C. E. T.

Rev. L. P. Cassel has been pastor of the Utica church for about one year. He writes a very encouraging letter concerning the work. Five have been added to the membership by baptism and a number are now awaiting baptism. A third more money has been raised for current expenses and benevolences over previous years. The first two weeks of the New Year special meetings were held under the leadership of Rev. Geo. Dibble and wife. The church was very much revived. One notable feature of this meeting was an all-day meeting with a free and bounteous dinner at noon served by the ladies of the church. About 150 partook of this dinner. After dinner the church roll was called. The Ladies' Missionary Circle and the Young Ladies' Club are doing efficient service. The

Sunday School attendance is larger than it has been for several years.

Rev. W. H. Dickman in sending in thirty-four subscriptions for the Bulletin writes encouragingly concerning the work at Damascus and Lena. It is difficult to make a trip to Lena when the roads are bad, but on January 23d there were forty people at the afternoon services at Lena and there are only fifteen resident members of the church.

Rev. R. T. Gasaway, the newly located pastor of the First Church of Joliet, says: "The work is opening up most encouragingly here. Congregations are good both morning and night and growing steadily. Sunday School also on the increase. The people are very optimistic concerning the future."

Rev. J. H. Bruggink, pastor of the Arcola church, writes: "The work here at Arcola is going along real nicely. The Sunday School is showing excellent improvement. The B. Y. P. U., while a young organization, is holding up in fine shape. Our congregations are good and there seems to be a deep interest in the work. We have completely revised our membership roll. The members have certainly treated their pastor and family royally and we are working hard to show them our appreciation."

The Belleville church of which Rev. J. H. Martin is pastor seems to be making good progress. They have paid off an indebtedness of \$1,500 on repairs, leaving a balance of \$500. The church subscribed \$4,300 on the New World Movement, \$800.00 of which has been paid. The current expenses are all paid up and the Sunday School keeps up well. The church gave the pastor a broadcloth tailor-made pulpit suit for Christmas as an appreciation of his services.

A member of the Tuscola church writes an encouraging letter concerning the work there. She says: "Since the coming on the field of our new pastor, Rev. B. F. Lloyd, a student of the Seminary in Chicago, congregations are steadily increasing with good interest in both Sunday School and preaching services. The church gave the pastor a hearty reception in the home of one of the members when he came on the field. There were about fifty present. Harmony and good-will prevail."

Rev. J. B. Kelley, pastor of the Nokomis church, says: "We have repaired the basement of our church and expect to add on a new addition when spring comes. The Sunday School has increased and the interest is good throughout. The church has also installed a new furnace in the parsonage and have done some repairing and plumbing." The church is planning for special meetings.

Rev. F. L. Enslow, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Danville, is now in special meetings. Rev. C. H. Gray, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Canton, Illinois, is doing the preaching.

Rev. Jesse R. Hastings, pastor of the Girard Church, writes a very encouraging letter. Among other things he says: "Last Wednesday we had our annual meeting, roll call and election of officers. It was declared by many to be the best annual meeting in many years. A splendid fellowship was enjoyed and a fine spirit of co-operation pervaded the entire meeting. After a short talk by the pastor on the need of local improvements on the church building and the parsonage, over \$1,600 was raised for that purpose in thirty minutes. We are to start work soon on these improvements." The Girard church recently withdrew from

the Macoupin Co. Association and united with the Springfield Association.

The Mission Circle of the Elvaston Baptist Church recently sent seventy-three quarts of vegetables and fruit and eleven glasses of jelly to the Maywood Orphanage and one hundred thirteen pounds of food to the Maywood Old People's Home. The food sent to the Old People's Home was in the nature of a Sunday dinner for January 9th. It consisted of chicken, cake, fruit and candy. Mrs. Thos. Garvey, who has charge of the Extension Department of the Elvaston Baptist Mission Circle, is doing good work among the Baptists at Hamilton. She has been visiting and leaving Extension Department literature with them.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. A. D. McGlashan of Des Moines, Iowa, has accepted a call to become pastor of the First Baptist church in Elgin beginning February 1st. Brother McGlashan writes a letter expressing a deep interest in our whole state work and expressing a desire to become acquainted with the people in Illinois. We bid him a hearty welcome to the state.

The Galesburg Church gave a hearty and enthusiastic call to Rev. Chas. Durden, pastor of the First Baptist Church in East St. Louis, to become its pastor. Brother Durden has accepted the call and expected to begin work February 1st. He is an able preacher and a very congenial pastor. The East St. Louis church suffers a great loss in his retiring from that field. He was greatly appreciated in the Alton Association.

Rev. D. H. Toomy, formerly pastor of the Litchfield church, has returned to Illinois from Arizona and located with the East Alton church. Brother Toomy

is one of our strong preachers.

Rev. Mr. Closting of the University of Chicago, is supplying the Danvers church very satisfactorily. That church put repairs upon its meeting house last year to the extent of \$13,022.68.

The South 7th St. Church of Springfield, of which Rev. B. F. Martin is pastor, has increased in Benevolences more than four hundred percent over former years and forty percent in Current Expenses. Sunday School offerings are the highest in the history of the school. They use the Duplex envelopes in the Sunday School.

Rev. S. T. Dexter, pastor at Clinton, has just closed four weeks of successful meetings. About one hundred and forty people united with the church during this revival. This is perhaps the largest ingathering in the history of the Clinton church; but few churches in the state have finer opportunities at this time than the Clinton church. It is well located; a good meeting house in a prosperous little city and it is the only Baptist church in the county.

The following item comes from the Shelbyville church of which Rev. G. P. Burdon is the pastor: "Our work here is going forward. Four were baptized January 30th and more to follow at a later date. We raised \$86.00 for the Near East Fund as a Christmas offering. The W. W. G. sent a well filled Christmas box to Aiken Institute, Chicago. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society sent a barrel of fruit to Hudelson Home. The church presented the pastor with a purse of gold Christmas. The week of prayer was observed in a union of the churches. A great blessing came to us."

ENCOURAGEMENT

The present is a time for some discouragement among Methodists, Presbyterians, Southern Baptists and Northern Baptists, from the fact that all these great religious bodies took subscriptions for large sums of money for missions and education while times were good. But now we are in the midst of re-adjustment. A year or so ago, wheat and corn, cattle and hogs, cotton and sugar and tobacco were at unprecedented prices and the price of labor was equally high. Now nearly all the products of the farm have gone down to pre-war prices. Other things are going down and much labor is not employed. This is an exceedingly difficult time to collect pledges but that should not discourage us. All our Missionary work will have to be re-adjusted to some extent. We cannot do all the things we had planned but notwithstanding these difficult times, three times as much money is coming in for Missions as ever before.

Illinois Baptists according to the last report from New York have paid the largest percentage of their pledges to the New World Movement of any state in the Northern Convention. We have great cause for encouragement in Illinois. Every church that has not made the canvass for the New World Movement should fall in line before the first of May. Many churches that made the canvass did not see nearly all the members and many well-to-do people have not yet given as they should. When we get all the churches lined up, Illinois will make a creditable advance in missionary work. There never was more encouraging work carried on by our Missionary force than at this time.

Let us all take courage and advance along the lines which the Lord is so evidently directing.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Six Regional Conferences have been planned by the General Promotion Board in New York and the State Promotion Board in Chicago for Illinois to be held in February and one in Chicago to be held later. The places and dates of the Conferences are as follows:

Alton, Feb. 15-16.

Springfield, Feb. 17-18.

Carbondale, Feb. 19-20.

Galesburg, Feb. 21-22.

Rockford, Feb. 23-24.

Quincy, Feb. 25-26.

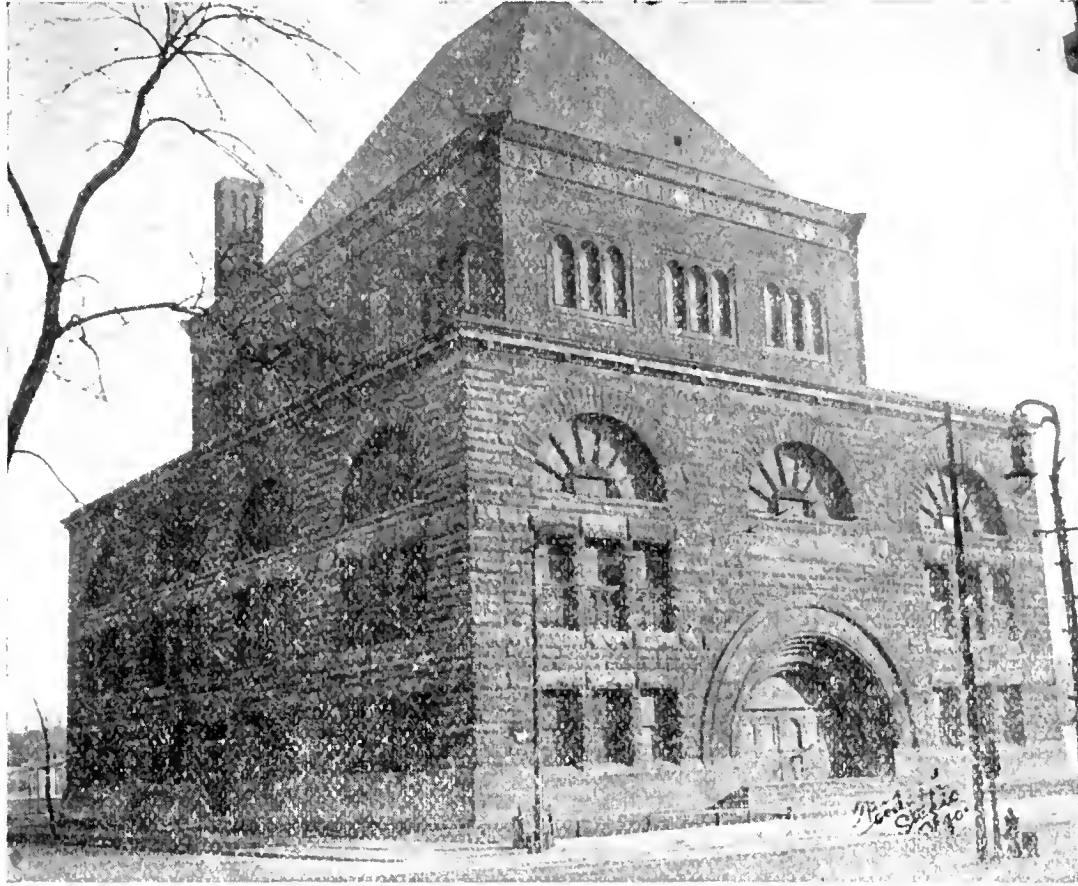
Chicago, -----.

Strong teams of speakers for each of these Conferences have been secured from outside of the state and some speakers from within the state will be at each Conference. The purpose of these Conferences is not to raise money directly but to give Missionary information and to develop a Missionary spirit among the people. Pastors and women and laymen are expected to attend in large numbers. At all these meetings the service will begin at night the first day and continue all through the second day and night except at Carbondale and that meeting will begin at noon the first day.

These are the kind of Conferences never held before in Illinois, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance. It is expected that there will be one or more stereopticon lectures at each Conference.

DARK CLOUDS IN WEST CHINA

There is no disguising the fact that things look black right here. While I am writing this, there is fighting going on not farther away than five miles from the East Gate of the city, and we have been hearing gun firing for nearly a week. This last day or so it has been getting ominously near. The battle is between Yunnanese forces and Szechuan. The former left the city about ten days ago and the latter followed them up to a line of hills to the



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eastward, which we can see on a clear day from the university campus. There the struggle has been going on for some days. There are at least 1,000 wounded in the military hospital in this city, and well over one hundred in the Canadian Methodist hospital. Our university doctors are all busy caring for the wounded.

Fortunately the cholera which carried off thousands of people this summer has abated and thus we are relieved of one scourge by the time the next begins. One of the ugliest features of the whole business is that the soldiers are impressing men as burden bearers for the military. So men in the country run off and hide, even though the rice harvest is ripe unto gathering. This is very serious; for it has sent up the price of rice and it endangers the whole harvest in the richest province in China. To see the yellow grain lying in the wet field where it will soon begin to sprout, and to know that thousands of these people never get more than one meal a day, makes one's heart sick.

All this trouble, together with an increase in brigandage and unsafe travel, may seriously affect us. What I mean is that it may not be possible for us to

travel in the province; that our students cannot get to their schools, and that money may become very scarce. I don't wish to sound any note of alarm, but we may as well face facts and be prepared for a restricted area of work for some time. But we always have a lot of work near at hand that clamors to be done.—Joseph Taylor.

"A 'THOUSAND DOLLAR' DINNER

Unique among New York's public dinners was the dinner given at the Hotel Commodore on the evening of December 29. It cost the 1,000 guests \$1,000 each. It was presided over by Herbert Hoover and was in the interest of the starving children of Europe. New York's fashion and wealth were present. It was a solemn occasion. Mr. Hoover and General Pershing gave addresses of great power. The menu consisted of a dinner furnished by the relief fund to a starving child—a little rice, some bread without butter and a cup of cocoa. This dinner was served on plain boards without even an oilcloth covering. The guests wore evening clothes and rich jewels, but the finest jewels were the tears that glistened on the faces of

hundreds whose hearts were touched with the story of the famine sufferers. Was there ever such a dinner given before in the whole history of the world? After all, New York city has a heart and a mighty warm heart at that! The guests at that dinner will give many millions to the starving children of Europe.—Watchman Examiner."

One man who was at that \$1,000 dinner, a Baptist man, gave \$1,000,000 for the European sufferers.

"AMONG THE MEXICAN INDIANS"

A year ago last May there graduated from the Baptist seminary in Saltillo, Mex., a full-blooded Mexican Indian by the name of Samuel J. Garcia. He comes from the same tribe and from the same district as Mexico's greatest patriot, reformer and president, Benito Juarez. After a year spent as assistant in our work in Mexico City this young man was married and was transferred to his native state of Oaxaco. He had not been there long when he decided to move out to the very town where he was born and begin work among his own people, not in the Spanish tongue but using the language with which they were born. This is the beginning of what we hope will be a great work among the 5,000,000 unevangelized Indians of Mexico.

At the recent national convention of Mexican Baptists in Torreon in the month of October a great wave of enthusiasm for this Indian work swept over the delegates, and they decided to undertake this new work as their primary missionary task. Accordingly they voted to assume full responsibility for the salary and expenses of Rev. Samuel J. Garcia. So liberal were the offers made for the support of this new enterprise—more than \$1,000 was pledged for the ensuing year—that it is likely the convention will be able to open another Indian mission station in the near future. This convention includes the churches of both the Northern and Southern boards."

Our Negro Missionary, Rev. J. E. Jones, writes: "For the last ninety days the unemployed among our people throughout the church has had a great deal to do with the contributions of the churches to our work. For example: The St. Paul church of Peoria has a male membership of one hundred and seventy-five of that number are out of work, and similar conditions exist throughout the entire state. We re-

ceived three monthly reports from Rev. W. G. Faulkner of the Zion Association in the southern part of the state with headquarters in Cairo. His letters are very telling and interesting."

CONFERENCES IN THE GIRARD CHURCH

A very profitable time was spent by Director Koehler in the Girard church, when for two afternoons and two evenings the following subjects were thoroughly discussed:

The Grading of Pupils in the Church School.

The Program of the Church School Session.

The Training of Teachers and Workers.

The attendance of Young People upon Morning Worship.

Director Koehler spent four days in Quincy, Timewell, Mt. Sterling and Griggsville last month. At each place an address on a vital phase of church school work was given, followed by a conference period. The workers asked many questions, revealing a desire to do more efficient work.

OUR SUMMER ASSEMBLY

It is with great pleasure that the Assembly Program Committee announces the securing of one of the most able of Baptist ministers in our Northern Baptist Convention field to conduct the Bible study period next July. Ministers and laymen should urge young people to attend this training school. The name of the instructor in Bible will be announced in the March Bulletin.

Remember the Regional Conferences to be held this month in Carbondale, Alton, Springfield, Quincy, Galesburg and Rockford.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS****Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.****Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

Throughout the month of January the children of the Home have all enjoyed good health in spite of the fact that we have had changeable weather.

The warm and slushy weather during the month brought our attention to the need of equipment for our play grounds. Every vestige of our former equipment has gone. The Superintendent drew the attention of the board to this matter at the last regular meeting and the board authorized the raising of a fund of at least \$1,200 for playground equipment.

We trust our many friends will plan to help us to put across these improvements by laying aside a nest egg to help us do these essential things.

"By the way," the mention of an egg reminds us of the fact that there is such a thing as an egg though we have almost forgotten the taste of one. It is to be hoped that our good friends, the hens, will soon "call off the strike," and set to work again. When we shall look for donations of eggs from different quarters and we shall hear the boys and girls say "Yum-yum" once more.

All donations together with cash offerings should be sent direct to the Home—504 South First Avenue, Maywood, Ill., in the name of the institution, Central Baptist Children's Home, or to Donald H. MacGillivray, Superintendent.

Our boys' caretaker has resigned and we are looking for an active Christian woman that is interested and sympathetic towards boys to take her place.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**Rev. N. T. Hafer, Supt.****Mrs. N. T. Hafer, Matron**

That *tempus* does *fugit* is too evident in our work. For this reason we missed our column in the January Bulletin. But the omission was for satisfactory reason. Never such a Christmas season and the work of caring for the splendid donations and the unusual cash receipts drove away all thought of our Bulletin column. On January 1st our current bills were paid to date and we felt so jolly that we were in danger of being called foolish. Prospects are good for continuance of this condition, we hope. We also had the pleasure of receiving our first \$1,000 check, which was added to our Improvement Fund by Mr. Chas. B. Cone of Chicago. We can use several more for at our next board meeting a plan to build an addition to our main building to provide play-rooms will be considered. It has been found absolutely impossible to make this provision in our present buildings. The room now used as play-room is small and must be taken for a sewing room.

We need three play-rooms so the nursery children and the older boys and girls can be kept separated in their play. We would be pleased to hear from some lover of children who is willing to invest several thousand dollars to provide these play-rooms. Our children are all of the play age. We have only five children as old as thirteen years, and eighty younger.

One of our recent pleasures was to have with us Rev. Irving Fox of the Riverside church, Decatur, who for four days conducted afternoon and evening meetings with our boys and girls. Several will probably be baptized soon.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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Seven Regional Conferences are to be held in Illinois during February and early March, under the direction of the General and State Board of Promotion.

Plan to attend the one nearest to you and work and pray for their success. Your help is needed.

February 18th is the International Day of Prayer. Thousands of women will meet and pray for Missions. Will you be one to pray?

Wabash Valley Association held a splendid mid-year meeting at Olney, January 14 to 16. Nearly every church in the Association was represented at the meeting. Woman's Work was presented by Mrs. W. P. Topping and Mrs. C. W. Peterson. New enthusiasm and interest was aroused and Associational W. W. G. and C. W. C. leaders secured.

Miss Florence Perine of Fairfield, is the new W. W. G. Secretary-Director and Miss Gladys Nutall of Robinson, the C. W. C. Secretary-Director.

We have to record the "going home" of Mrs. H. W. Ralph, who was an elected member of the State Board and one of the secretaries of the Chicago Association. She was a woman who was always ready to do her part and do it well. Whatever she said she would do, was done. She will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Many churches observed Membership Week. In some Associations its observance was almost universal. From

returned reports Peoria had the largest percentage of churches.

The Southern Illinois Association came next with thirty-seven churches. Mrs. J. W. Merrill, the Foreign Secretary, did some splendid work previously by visiting many of the churches in an effort to create interest. Others also were wide-awake to arouse greater activity in mission enterprises. This cannot be too great.

The Carbondale Sunday School has subscribed for fifty copies of "Missions," to be read by members of the congregation and church and to be passed from family to family. Over 1,200 New World War calendars have been purchased in the Association. They will be a reminder through the year of world missions.

The building of the "Model City" in connection with the study of "Mr. Friend o' Man" has been completed to the great delight of the C. W. C. children of the Carbondale church. How about your church? Have you a C. W. C. organization?

Splendid reports come from Greene-Jersey Co. Association. Carrollton recently had a State Day Program with a large attendance and has a large number taking the Reading Course.

Eldred has a fine circle. The women are meeting weekly and making a study of the books suggested for study classes. They are doing wonders in the Reading Contest.

Department of Religious Education

Chairman Rev. Herbert Hines, El Paso, Director Rev. Louis H. Koehler, Normal

Plans for the coming assembly are proceeding apace and the developments to date assure and promise a larger student body and a stronger assembly program than that of last year. The interest already manifested by former attendants is gratifying. The outlook was never more promising and now is the time for ministers and leading church workers to urge the call of this training school for Illinois Baptists upon potential church leaders. We must prepare for the trained leadership of the church of tomorrow. The Kingdom advance is directly related to the number and quality of our trained leaders.

The courses for 1921 are as follows: The day's work will be opened by a special devotional service known as Family Prayers. This will be followed by our Bible course, when the Life of Christ, based upon gospel of Mark will be presented by one of our leading ministers. All students will be expected to take this course. In fact, when the name of the leader is announced, no one will want to miss it. A course in Psychology will follow, and at the same time a course in Pedagogy will be given. Both of these courses will be based upon standard training texts. The next period will be given over to Sunday School Methods, with three divisions presented simultaneously, Children's, Young People and Administration. The three courses offered during the next period will be Missionary Education in the Local Church, The Mission's Text Book, and Educational Evangelism. The final

period of the morning will cover The Organization of Young People's Societies, Young People in Training for Leadership, and What Shall We Believe?

Here is a menu of intellectual and spiritual food that is indeed appetizing and nutritious. How essential that hundreds of our churches send one or more delegates as students.

Besides the above there will be a vesper service each evening, followed by unusually interesting services in the nature of lectures, entertainments and stunts.

A list of the faculty will be presented in the March "Bulletin." Look for it.

Save the date, July 16-23, 1921. Save your dimes now and plan to be a student at our Illinois Baptist Training School at Shurtleff College, Alton.

We regret very much to learn that Rev. V. Prodan, a student in the University of Chicago, has resigned his work among the Roumanians in Aurora. He seems to have done good work on that field, giving one-half his Sundays to the Roumanian work in Aurora and the other half in Chicago. The work seems to have been successful, but he feels that the work takes too much of his time from school and he will have to give up part of his preaching services. We hope that we may be able to find some one to take his place in Aurora in the near future.

PSALM 116:14

You remember the text: Psalm 116:14.

"I will pay my vows unto the Lord—now."

Vision is wonderful. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

We have had our vision of need and of challenging opportunity. We have responded in our pledges. The New World Movement is our Baptist answer to the world needs.

Up to Dec. 20, Illinois Baptists had pledged \$2,593,784.00 toward the allotment of \$7,108,000 on the One Hundred Million Campaign. \$395,623.04 should have been paid on these pledges:

\$368,438.01 has been received. Illinois tops the list on the percentage of payments to above date.

If you have made a pledge, of course you will be most diligent in paying it regularly.

If you are a treasurer of benevolences, will you not do all you can to see that pledges do not get behind in payments?

If you are a pastor, will you not urge prompt payment of pledges?

If you have not taken your share in the New World Movement, will you not both make and pay a pledge?

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The Virgin Birth

Matthew in his Gospel, first chapter and 18-21 verses, states clearly that the Child Jesus was begotten of the Holy Spirit.

Luke's Gospel, Luke 1:29-38 recites the same thing. Luke 1:35 says: "And the angel answered and said unto her, 'The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: wherefore also the holy thing which is begotten shall be called the Son of God.'"

There is no claim, so far as we know, that these passages are not genuinely a part of the Gospels by Matthew and Luke. There is no claim that they are later insertions. Matthew and Luke believed what they had written. This teaching of these two inspired writers can not be rejected without nullifying the authority of the whole of Matthew and Luke. And yet there seem to be many teachers and preachers who deny the doctrine of the virgin birth.

If one believes in the deity of Christ, it is not difficult to believe in the virgin birth. It was a miracle, of course, and so the whole life of Jesus was surrounded by miracles. One who believes in the Sonship of Christ, believes that he possessed all the attributes of God, has no trouble to believe that he was begotten of the Holy Spirit. The virgin birth was no greater miracle than the resurrection and the ascension. One of

the strongest arguments used by those who reject the doctrine of the virgin birth, is on the ground that it is not mentioned in other books of the New Testament, and that Paul does not mention it. But the fallacy of their argument can be seen in their own conduct. Nearly all who deny the teaching of the virgin birth, do not believe in the resurrection of Christ. They say they do not believe in the virgin birth because Paul does not mention it. Yet Paul refers to the resurrection upon almost every page of his writings and they reject that doctrine the same as they reject the teaching of the virgin birth. The scriptural teaching of the entrance of Christ into this world is in perfect harmony with a true conception of him as a divine Savior, the Son of God, and of his deity.

Isaiah predicted his miraculous conception. He says, Isaiah 7:14, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel."

Matthew declares that this prophecy in Isaiah was fulfilled in the virgin birth of Jesus. He says, Matthew 1:22-23, "Now all this is come to pass that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet saying, 'Behold a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel.'"

If we have the clear testimony of Matthew, Luke and Isaiah on the virgin birth, who can or should deny it? And furthermore, when God in the Garden of Eden, promised one to come who should bruise the serpent's head, he did not say he would be the son of a man, but the seed of the woman. Almost everywhere in the Old Testament, the man is spoken of in preference to the woman. The seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is spoken of scores of times, but rarely a reference to the seed of their wives. But in giving the first promise of redemption, God spoke of the one who should triumph over sin as the seed of the woman and made no reference to the seed of the man.

The Editor of The Bulletin believes fully that the mother of Jesus was Mary and that his father was God, that he was begotten of the Holy Spirit and that his father was not Joseph. Joseph was his step-father.

BUSINESS

The local building trade unions of Champaign and Urbana have demanded renewal of wage contracts with employers and contractors at the present wages until May 1st, 1922. The wages per hour are as follows: Brick-layers, \$1.25; carpenters, \$1.00; hod-carriers, 75c; concrete finishers, \$1.25; concrete workers, 75c; plasterers, \$1.50; painters, \$1.20, and plumbers, \$1.00.

At the same time the price of corn, hogs and cattle on the farms have come down below pre-war prices. Wheat is almost down to that price. Cotton is down to a very low figure. Sugar is back to where it formerly was. Good gingham in the stores are selling for one-third of what they did one year ago, and good worsted goods at about one-

half. Shoes, overcoats and clothing are down and still coming lower.

While everybody wants laboring people to receive a good fair wage for their work it does not seem possible that building enterprises could be carried on with wages and building material at the present prices. Rents cannot come down much while there is such a demand for homes and houses so long as present costs of building continues as it is. The price of coal it seems to us, must come down before another fall. Farming interests form the real principal basis of all our industries and it is not possible to keep other things up to the extremely high prices of war times with farm products down lower than they were before the war. We hope that things can be so adjusted that great building enterprises can be carried on and thousands of homes prepared for the people that are needing them, but it seems to us that this cannot be done until there is a re-adjustment along the line of building.

"KEEP UP YOUR VOICE"

A vicious custom of many preachers and other public speakers is to begin a sentence explosively and to allow the voice to fall until the last words of the sentence are almost inaudible. There are few ways more effective than this for rendering the message uninteresting and futile. What is worth beginning is worth ending in such manner that the hearers will be able to know what you are trying to say. When one has to strain his ears to hear he is apt to find his patience strained, sometimes even to the breaking point. It might be well for the wives of some ministers to take them in hand and drill them in the art of ending their sentences with a snap."—Watchman Examiner.

"The Census Bureau gives the negro population of Chicago as 109,594, an increase in the past ten years of 65,491. The total white population is 2,589,104, an increase of 450,047.

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THE month of February was well filled up with Regional Conferences, Kingdom Rallies, and mid-year meetings. Some of the meetings were held at Crainville, Carbondale, Alton, Springfield, Indianola, Champaign, Galesburg, Rockford, Quincy, Tallula and many other places.

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THE month of March will be filled with other such rallies and preparation for Easter. Many of our churches will have a week or ten days' meeting preceding Easter.

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THE \$1,000,000 Thank Offering on Easter for the children of the world should add much interest to the observance of that day. Very many churches will have a considerable number to baptize on Easter.

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THE Board will hold its semi-annual meeting in El Paso, April 14. The meeting will be called at 2 p. m., and will continue through the afternoon and as late at night as the business demands.

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SOME very important business must come up at this meeting. The present administration will close this fall. It has been carried through 23 years. In

order that there be no break in the work the whole question with regard to Superintendent, office, location of headquarters, the publication of the Bulletin and Annual must be decided at this meeting.

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COMMITTEES must be appointed that will have reports ready for the Board to act upon in October. If all this business were left over until October, it would require six months from that time to get the work properly organized and started.

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ALL who attend that meeting in El Paso must plan to remain over night. The seven departments of the convention, that need to have special meetings during the year should hold their meetings at the same time and place as the semi-annual meeting of the Board. The El Paso people will entertain for the night and will probably give supper at the church.

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EVERY church should plan to have a rally the last week in April. Those churches that did not make an every-member canvass on the \$100,000,000 campaign should do so this year. Those that subscribed for only one year should make another strong campaign for this year. Those that went over the top and those that partially succeeded, should have meetings to rejoice in the work and to interest any members not yet lined up.

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THE State Convention has done a great work during the past five months. None of our Missionaries have been laid aside by sickness, and the winter has been favorable for general and revival work. The outlook for the next three months is most hopeful. The

greatest hindrance and handicap in our work is a shortage of pastors. The churches are anxious to work as never before, but we can not find pastors for many of our fields.

RESIGNATION

Rev. Geo. H. Yule, who has been our District Superintendent on the east side of the state for the past two years and has done much work in other parts of the state in evangelistic and financial work, offers his resignation to take effect March 31. He did not definitely state his reasons, but we think he has been offered a very desirable position as an Anti-Saloon League Superintendent. Brother Yule has done fine work for the Convention, and our work with him has been perfectly harmonious and he has been very successful. We regret to have him leave, but hope and pray that the Lord will provide some other man that can do the work successfully. We wish him abundant success in whatever he undertakes to do. He is a worthy man and deserves the approval and good wishes of all the Baptists of the state. In closing his letter of resignation, Brother Yule says, "There is no need of looking back over the two years of untold kindness and courtesies from the churches, brethren, and your own dear self and good wife. We have shared our many blessings together at the throne of grace. I love you for the splendid work you have done for the cause of righteousness and the Illinois Baptist State Convention."

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. H. L. Mounce, of Petersburg, Illinois, has accepted the pastorate of the Mt. Olive church in the Central Illinois

Association for one-half time. He would be willing to take another church for half time somewhere within sixty miles of Petersburg. Mr. Mounce is a good brother and a faithful pastor.

The Plymouth church has called as its pastor, Rev. J. P. Sansom, of LaGrange, Missouri. We understood that he has accepted the call, and we learn that the Plymouth church is making some advancement.

The Petersburg church extended a call to Dr. Krumreig of Denver, Colorado. He has not yet given them a definite answer as to whether or not he will accept the call.

Rev. Morris F. Gilbert has accepted a call to the Willisville and Campbell Hill churches and began work about two months ago. He reports the work very encouraging. He has organized a B. Y. P. U. at Campbell Hill and the outlook is hopeful.

Rev. Mr. Holland closed his work as pastor of the Chatsworth church about two months ago and accepted a call to North Dakota.

Rev. W. R. Johnson of Jacksonville, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Winchester church. Brother Johnson was pastor of that church a few years ago.

Rev. Geo. W. Broome, pastor of the church at Percy during the past year, has closed his work. Percy is a good field and is now looking for another pastor.

Rev. R. R. Favoright has accepted a call to become pastor at Jerseyville. Brother Favoright is a Shurtleff and Rochester graduate, and has been doing successful work in Nebraska for a number of years.

CHURCHES

Rev. Ray Starr, pastor of the Baptist church at Paw Paw, Illinois, writes a very encouraging letter. He says the people are taking hold of the work in splendid shape and things are moving toward success in all departments. The Sunday School membership has been almost doubled. A striking feature in the work is a junior choir of twenty-five members, organized by the pastor's wife. They render a special selection each Sunday morning. The prayer meetings are well attended. At the annual roll call the treasurer reported all obligations paid and over \$800 in the treasury.

The Glasford church has made quite extensive repairs on their meeting house. They expended about \$750 and raised all the money. We hope to locate a pastor for Glasford and LaMarsh working together as one field in the near future.

The great revival in Olney where Rev. L. D. Lamkin is pastor, seems to continue. One of the daily papers reports as follows: "The great revival of the Baptist church is not yet closed though special meetings have stopped. Last Sunday was one of the most remarkable days of the meeting. Seven men came into the church, five by profession of faith and two by relation. Of these four were representative men of the city. Five young ladies were baptized and after the congregation was dismissed three men in middle life came forward and confessed Christ and asked to join the church. They were received and two of the men were baptized at once on their own request. It was the greatest Pentecostal scene ever witnessed in the Baptist church."

Rev. B. E. Allen, pastor of the Osceola church writes: "We have just closed one of the best evangelistic meet-

ings which this church has ever had. Dr. M. P. Boynton of Chicago, was with us three weeks, going home for over Sunday each week. This was his sixth meeting with us and his preaching was more powerful than ever before. His messages fairly ring with truth that grips the heart. I have baptized nineteen to date and six more are waiting for baptism."

The clerk of the Warren church writes as follows: "Our church wishes to thank you heartily for your part in sending J. C. Dent to hold meetings for them. The meetings were held from January 22 to February 16, inclusively. Mr. Dent preaches twice on Sunday and every week night except Saturday to large and appreciative audiences. Only words of praise have been heard for his pleasant manner of preaching the Gospel truths and his messages through song."

A layman of the Olney church writes as follows: "I want to write you to tell of the wonderful revival which just closed here last night. Dr. Lamkin, who will be talked of here long after he is gone led us in one of the most wonderful spiritual feasts the city of Olney has ever had. All the denominations, as well as the Baptists, received strength from his sermons. The outstanding accomplishment of the meeting was the winning of so many adults to the church."

Rev. W. E. Mundell, Ph.D., pastor of the church at Belvidere, writes some very encouraging things concerning that field. Mrs. Mundell has the largest Bible class in the city and they gave her \$20 in gold as a Christmas present. The ladies of the church gave her \$100 as a personal present from the church and besides that she received a number of very valuable presents from individuals. "I received a pair of very fine auto driving gloves

and the board of trustees came to me and said that if I would stay they would pay for my car and I would not have to do out of town service. That means \$400 more. That is just the financial side of the encouragement. The Sunday school, congregation, and B. Y. P. U. are working loyally for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ." Brother Mundell and his wife and the first church of Belvidere seem to be well suited all around.

The First Baptist church of Bunker Hill of which Rev. T. C. Coffey is pastor is doing encouraging work. Pastor Coffey has been there for quite a number of years. One of the paper reports states, "Despite one of the worst days of the year that kept the country members away, as vehicles could hardly travel, a large crowd was present at the Annual Roll Call and Banquet. After the entertainment of the evening the roll call and reports of departments showed that everything is in a most flourishing condition. Brother Coffey is one of our pastors who is advancing in years but is doing very successful work.

Dr. R. S. Kirkland, pastor of the Herald of Hope Church, Urbana, writes as follows: "We continued the meeting three weeks and had forty-nine additions to the church, six of them men and their wives. This little church is getting along nicely. Paid all its bills last year except \$500 repairs on the church, paid \$375 on the Onward Movement and paid the pastor's salary last year without any outside assistance and had money in the treasury on January 1."

Rev. J. E. Corwin, pastor of the Flora church writes as follows: "Four men have been received since I wrote to you. Things are looking good for us. The Bible School has increased fully two hundred per cent. We had twenty-six

out to prayer service last Thursday evening. We had a house full last night and baptized one, others are waiting."

Rev. J. M. Lively, pastor of the Central Baptist church, Mattoon, writes some encouraging things. He says: "The reports at our annual meeting receipts showed that we had \$3,159.51 for current expenses, \$836.28 for missions in 1920. Had one hundred seventy-four in the Sunday School week ago Sunday and eighty-four in the Chapel in Grant Park. Closed the revival in the Whetstone Separate Baptist Church over by Charleston last Wednesday. There were seventeen conversions and a number of renewals. This church is six miles out."

The First Baptist Church of Decatur, of which Rev. T. Harley Marsh, D.D., is pastor, at a meeting on Feb. 2d, unanimously voted after one year of prayer and discussion, to retain their present location for a down town church. And to repair the present buildings at a cost of \$75,000. They can make an auditorium including side rooms and gallery that will seat 1,000 people. The lot on which the church stands is supposed to be worth \$80,000. The church already has \$50,000 subscribed for remodeling the house. Dr. Marsh has been pastor six years and they have increased his salary each year.

The Riverside Church in Decatur of which Rev. Irving Fox has been pastor for about three and one-half years, is doing well. The Sunday School has increased to 160. The congregation fill the house on Sunday nights. Some are ready for baptism. The pastor's salary has been increased \$600 and they are now supporting him without any assistance from the State Convention. During the same time they have built and paid for a splendid basement for a fine church building.

East Park Church, Decatur. Rev. George W. Stoddard is still pastor of that church. He has now arranged to give all his time to that field. The attendance is increasing. The attendance at Sunday School is 175. The Sunday night congregations are good. Brother Stoddard has been in the field three years.

The Second Baptist Church of Johnson City has recently paid off the old mortgage that has been on the church since its house was built.

Frankfort Heights Church has paid off its \$1,400 debt.

The Walter Street Baptist Church in Marion is making fine progress. Twenty-four united with the church in three Sundays without any special meetings. There are now about 250 members in the church and they are planning to enlarge their house.

DEATHS

Rev. A. A. Todd, D.D., pastor of the Baptist church of Jacksonville, died at 7:10 o'clock Tuesday morning, February 15th, at Maplewood Sanitarium after a two weeks' illness of lethargica-encephalitis. The disease seemed to be some attack of brain trouble. He had been in poor health for some time but continued his work until about two weeks before his death. Mr. Todd was born July 6th, 1870, in Missouri. Early in his life the family moved to St. Louis and as a young man he became a member of the Watertown Baptist church in St. Louis. He received his education at LaGrange College, Missouri, Shurtleff College, Alton, and Ewing College.

He married Miss Daisy Rice of Alton, who died February 4th, 1920. His pastorates were Bunker Hill, Shelbyville, Ewing, First church at Mt. Vernon,

Pontiac, Lafayette Park church, St. Louis and Jacksonville. He did good work on all these fields. He was a member of the Illinois Baptist State Convention Board and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board. He was always faithful in his denominational work, both in his home church and in the denomination at large. He will be greatly missed in Jacksonville and Illinois.

The funeral services were conducted by the Ministerial Conference of Jacksonville in the forenoon of February 16th, and at two o'clock the burial services were conducted in the cemetery at Upper Alton, Superintendent E. P. Brand being in charge at the cemetery.

Miss Ruth E. Kirkham, daughter of Rev. O. C. Kirkham, deceased, former pastor of the Tiskilwa church, died at her home in that town, January 17th. Fifteen years ago she gave up a splendid position as private secretary in a large business firm of Cincinnati, Ohio, and came to Tiskilwa, Ill., to care for her father and mother, whose advanced years needed her services. She taught music and art in the public schools of Tiskilwa for several years. Freely and unselfishly, she gave her time and talent to the Baptist church serving as organist, chorister, and clerk. She also taught a class of boys and was always active in promoting the work of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Her mother still survives.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk assisted the pastor at LaMoille for about three weeks. The meeting was quite good with twelve professions of faith. At this writing he is engaged in a meeting

at Toulon and will continue there until Sunday, March 13th.

District Superintendent Geo. H. Yule is at this time engaged in special meetings at South Danville. They are having a great meeting. On Monday, February 28th, he reported forty-one professions of faith and had another week in which to continue the meetings. Rev. C. C. Rork of Chrisman has supplied that church for the past six years. The church seems to be in a good condition at the present time.

Rev. L. H. Koehler, our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. director, during the past month visited the Antioch and Tallula churches in the Central Illinois Association, the Pittsfield, Clayton and Kellerville churches in the Quincy Association, and Indianola in the Bloomfield Association.

District Superintendent Joseph C. Dent during the past month made a very successful every-member canvass of the church in Sterling and is now engaged in a very successful meeting at Oglesby. The attendance is large and a large number of people have already made a profession of faith. We do not know at this time how many additions there will be to the Baptist church. Brother Dent has had a very successful winter's work.

District Superintendent D. O. Hopkins was very busy during the month of February. He visited and held services at Tallula, Pittsfield, and other places. He also closed out a meeting of several weeks in February at Bradford.

District Superintendent J. B. Little, has been doing work at a number of places. He did some work at Hillsboro and at Otterville and Madison. He is now assisting in a meeting at Flora.

Missionary Geo. H. Yule spent about ten days on the Russell field and made

an every-member canvass and raised sufficient funds to carry on the work of a student supply for some time to come. The outlook of Russell at the extreme northeastern corner of the state is quite hopeful at this time.

District Superintendent Little assisted the pastor at Carrollton in a meeting, resulting in fourteen additions to the church, seven of them heads of families. From Carrollton he went to Hopkins Park, near Chicago, and assisted on the matter of rebuilding the church.

Evangelist T. O. McMinn writes from Tamaroa, where he was at that time holding a meeting. He says Tamaroa is a town of eleven hundred inhabitants with five Protestant churches, namely: Southern Baptist, Northern Baptist, Christian, Methodist and Presbyterian. No one of these churches has full-time preaching. The Second or Northern Baptist church has about one hundred members. The meetings opened up quite well. The evangelist says, "The Southern Baptist pastor is standing by me loyally."

The Charleston church of which Rev. Henry L. Duff is pastor, is making encouraging progress. The Sunday School now has an attendance of 129, B. Y. P. U. an attendance of 35. The congregation averages from 100 to 150.

The Bourbon church has as its pastor Rev. C. W. Kerst. The Sunday School has an attendance of from 60 to 80. The B. Y. P. U. is good. This church now has a pastor for full time.

PERSONALS

Rev. A. V. Roland, assistant pastor in Peoria, has been sick and in the hospital for five or six weeks. He is now improving slowly but will not be able to resume his work before Easter.

\$1,000,000 EASTER THANK OFFERING

The women of the Northern Baptist Convention, Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, president of the Women's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, and Mrs. John Nuveen, president of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society are at the head of this great movement. It is to be a Thank Offering for the children of the world. Two hundred fifty million of these are in foreign lands looking to America for assistance. Very many are in our home land. This is expected to be a Thank Offering because of our gratitude to God for his blessings on us in our childhood. Each church in the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention is requested to make this offering at Easter. Each church that gives to this will be credited on the \$100,000,000 drive, but not on the subscriptions already made on the \$100,000,000.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

The Southern Illinois Association held its semi-annual meeting at Crainville, February 10-13. The attendance was good although the roads were such that automobiles could not be driven at all and yet the house was well filled continuously and about two-thirds of those that attended were men.

The Southern Illinois Association was organized a few years ago by the First church of Benton, the First church of Mt. Vernon, the First church of Murphysboro and the Ashley church. One year later the First church of Cairo came in. This new association passed a resolution that it would receive any churches of the former Free-will Baptist denomination that would send up letters requesting admission and receive them without re-baptism. The Baptists of southern Illinois that have united with

the Southern Baptist Convention would not receive the Free Baptist people without re-immersing them and thus make a travesty of the Lord's ordinance by immersing in the name of the Trinity people who had already been scripturally baptized. The Baptists of southern Illinois who refused to work with the State Convention and the Northern Convention believe that no one is scripturally baptized unless immersed by an ordained Baptist preacher under the authority of a Baptist church. They will not receive a regenerated person into their churches who has been immersed in the name of the Trinity if baptized by a Methodist, Presbyterian or by any Baptist preacher if not of the regular Baptist type. By this action on the part of our new Association in southern Illinois we have received forty-four churches from the former Free-Will churches and the Association now numbers 5,753 members. These people are doing splendid work and making good progress.

Rev. J. L. Meads of Benton, one among the best pulpit orators in the state, preached a sermon at the semi-annual meeting in which he emphasized very strongly the doctrine of perseverance and preservation of the saints. I have not heard a stronger sermon along that line for ten years.

The writer spent Sunday morning, February 13th, at Carbondale, and Sunday night at Murphysboro. Rev. J. W. Merrill, former clerk of the Association in Chicago, has been pastor of the church for about two years. His influence is felt throughout that section of the state. He and his wife have done a very fine work and the church is prospering. There were 304 in the Sunday School Sunday morning. The large old parsonage has been connected with the church

and the old building remodeled for Sunday School and social work. The church is now planning to build a new parsonage. The Sunday School at Murphyboro, February 13th, numbered 413, and the house was crowded Sunday night with many chairs having been brought up from the basement to accommodate the people. Rev. H. T. Abbott has been pastor of that church for several years and seems to be gaining in strength and influence all the time. They very much need a new church building and are talking very seriously of enlarging the old church or erecting a new building. The membership of that church is now 784. A few years ago the Free-will Baptist church united with them and brought their property into that church.

This new Southern Illinois Association is making fine progress in the Onward Movement of the Baptists and is working up the more backward churches on the \$100,000,000 Movement. Some very remarkable revivals have taken place in that section this winter. Rev. James B. Little, our District Superintendent, held a meeting at Ava. There were more than eighty additions to the church. The old Missionary Baptist church disbanded and their membership with their property came in with the former Free-will Baptists and now they call their church the First Baptist Church of Ava. They are now able to support a pastor on the field for full time.

WEDDING

Rev. Lester M. Anderson, who is just beginning his pastorate at Griggsville, and Mary Emily Lough, daughter of Rev. I. C. Lough of Sidell, were married on Tuesday, February 22d, at the home of the bride. Brother Anderson has been

the successful pastor at Sidell for the past few years.

STEWARDSHIP

From the 23d of January until February 20th is the time suggested by the General Promotion Board for the study of Stewardship. This is one important phase of Christian life that has been sorely neglected in our day. The suggestion that a Christian should use all his powers entirely for the Glory of God and the advancement of the Kingdom of Jesus is not taken seriously by many members of the church. Many seem to think that a profession of faith and membership in a church is some assurance for the next life. Many do not think of the Christian life as a great chance for service. All our physical powers come from Him. All our business and possessions are his gifts to us and should be used in his service. Let us study stewardship and see what effect it will have upon our lives. The only really happy life for the Christian is to recognize his true relationship to Christ and live accordingly.

"THE RED SEA PLACE IN YOUR LIFE

Have you come to the Red Sea place in your life,

Where in spite of all you can do,
There is no way out, there is no way back,
There is no other way but—through?
Then wait on the Lord with a trust serene,
Till the night of your fear is gone,
He will send the wind, he will heap the floods,
He says to your soul, 'Go on.'

And his hand will lead you through—clear through—

Ere the watery walls roll down,
No foe can reach you, no wave can touch,
No mightiest sea can drown;
The tossing billows may rear their crests,
Their foam at your feet may break,
But over their bed you may walk, dry shod,
In a path that your Lord will make.

In the morning watch, 'neath the lifted
cloud,
You shall see but the Lord alone,
Where he leads you on from the place by
the sea,
To the land that you have not known;
And your fears shall pass as your foes have
passed,
You should be no more afraid,
You shall sing his praise in a better place,
A place that his hand has made."
—Annie Johnson Flint.

"The Christian Union, of the University of Chicago, has made a survey of the religious activities of the undergraduates. The survey was made in the spring quarter when there were 2,800 undergraduates in attendance. Three-fourths of the students furnished the information desired of them. Based upon this information it is found that eighty-eight per cent of the students are members of some religious body, sixty-seven per cent being Protestant, eight per cent, Roman Catholic, twelve per cent, Jews and one per cent miscellaneous. To the surprise of all it was found that in proportion to their number there were more women than men without religious affiliations. Ninety-two per cent of the students are accustomed to go to church at least once a month, while forty-five per cent declare church attendance every Sunday to be their habit. Many of the students are engaged in regular religious activities or in some form of social service work."

"Dr. A. H. Harnley began on Jan. 23d his pastorate of the Michigan Avenue Church of Saginaw, Mich. For the last year and a half he has been a member of the Wilmette, Ill., church, whose pastor was formerly for several years the minister of the Michigan avenue church. Dr. Harnley has held important positions in Illinois, having been for eight years pastor at Austin and for some time state evangelist."

"Robert R. Moton, of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, has made his annual report of lynchings for the year 1920. There were sixty-one persons lynched within the United States in 1920. Bad as the record is the number is twenty-two less than the number for the year 1919. Of those lynched fifty-three were negroes and eight were whites. Fifty-two of the lynchings were in the south and nine in the north and west. This crime of lynching is a blot on our civilization."

"Those who question the place of religion in our modern life will do well to ponder these words of Calvin Coolidge, Vice-Presi-

dent-elect of the United States: 'Religion is the essential. The community without the church goes to pieces. I have seen it again and again in New England. Our Nation was founded by men who came over for the sake of religion. They made it what it was. Our Nation cannot live without morality, and morality cannot live without religion.'"

"The Number of American troops now overseas is estimated at 42,000; of whom 15,000 are in Germany, 7,000 in Hawaii, 6,000 in Panama, 10,000 in the Philippines, 1,800 in Porto Rico, and 1,400 in China."

"There are seventy Baptist churches in Mexico, with a total membership of about 5,000. One hundred messengers recently attended the Mexico annual convention. They reported 600 baptisms during the year and \$40,000 contributed for all purposes. Baptists have had a long and hard struggle in Mexico. Evidently they are not indigenous to the soil."

"A CALAMITY INDEED

There could be no worse calamity in a democratic country like ours than ignorance of the Bible, and it is not only widely prevalent, but increasing, owing to our present educational methods. Bible study is sorely needed on the part of both parents and children. A professor in college asked a large class who Absalom was, and only four out of the whole number had any idea. A recent candidate for high office, venturing to quote Scripture, described the flaming angel driving Cain out of the Garden of Eden. It is well that we are to have a period of Bible study in our churches, for here is the storehouse of spiritual riches and the source of spiritual enlightenment and energy."

"A CENTER OF CHRISTIAN LIGHT IN CUBA

What are your Dollars doing? Prof. Vaughan Newton visited Cuba last summer and saw mission work on that beautiful and wealth-producing island. He says: "The Northern Baptist work is in the eastern half of Cuba, and its success is largely due to the college at Cristo. From that school there has gone a group of preachers who, a Presbyterian told, were the ablest preachers in Cuba. This school is finely equipped in some particulars—its scientific apparatus would do justice to many a college—but it is crowded; some rooms have eight or ten cots in them. This is another reason why the Hundred Million Dollars should be speedily raised."

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. W. L. Markland closed his work with the Amboy church December 6th, and has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Assumption church in the Springfield Association.

UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Rev. Martin S. Bryant, pastor of the University church at Champaign, reports for February: Average attendance at preaching services, 181; Sunday School, 114, and B. Y. P. U., 85. The offerings were \$185.42 for the month. The pastor has a special training class of seventy enrolled to meet at five o'clock Sunday evenings for eight weeks. The three meetings held averaged sixty-eight. This church is doing a wonderful work for the Baptist students at the university.

District Superintendent Dent writes from Oglesby, Feb. 28: "We had a great day here yesterday at Oglesby. I preached four times and had thirty conversions over ten years of age. We expect more this second week of the meetings. The members are being received and loving one another more and praying for one another."

KINGDOM RALLIES

The Editor had the privilege of attending two of these rallies at Lincoln and Pontiac March 3d and 4th. The attendance at both places was good. Dr. Petty attended both meetings. Pastor Martin S. Bryant of Champaign, spoke at each meeting. A lady from Chicago was present at each meeting. Mrs. Gilmore, a teacher in Judson College in Burmah, gave a fine address at Lincoln and Dr. A. E. Peterson was at Pontiac.

No effort was made to raise any money but instructions with regard to religious

teaching and religious living and Christian beneficence was given and Missionary information was prominent. The Onward Movement was emphasized and the blessings coming from the \$1,000,000,000 Campaign were spoken of. The people seemed to enjoy these rallies very much.

The writer attended the mid-year meeting of the Bloomfield Association held at Indianola Feb. 24th and 25th. The attendance was fairly good. Almost every place of denominational work in which the Association is directly connected was discussed. The interest in that Association in all our work at home and abroad is very good. The churches are nearly all supplied with pastors and the work is moving hopefully on their side of the state. The new student pastor at Tuscola was examined for ordination and was unanimously recommended for ordination. The Indianola church has a location and resources for a great work. Rev. W. F. Thompson is the pastor.

SHURTLEFF BOARD MEETING

The Board of Shurtleff College trustees met in Springfield at the St. Nicholas Hotel, March 8th. About three and one-half hours were spent in business. The President's report was very encouraging. About \$13,000 have been expended this year in repairs and equipment. The institution now keeps a team of horses and equipment for taking care of the grounds. They haul their own coal and cultivate several acres of ground. The college now owns about twenty-five acres of ground and beside the college buildings, eleven dwelling houses, six of these houses are large. The campus never looked so beautiful at this season of the year as now.

The Baptist Old People's Home

Maywood, Illinois
Mrs. A. W. Runyan, Sec'y.
5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Rev. N. T. Hafer, Supt.
Mrs. N. T. Hafer, Matron

Since January 25th, four residents of the Home have passed "through the valley and shadow of death." But Jesus passed through the tomb before them, and we know all is well with them. These four were: Mrs. Anthony of Morgan Park, aged 81 years, Jan. 26, 1921; Mrs. E. Head, of Austin, aged 77 years, Feb. 4, 1921; Mrs. H. Grandin of Chicago, Feb. 12, 1921; Mrs. Cora Griggs, widow of Rev. David Griggs, Feb. 4, 1921. How glad we are to have been a little comfort and help to them in these last years of life.

If we had a whole issue of The Bulletin at our disposal we would be glad to turn to our matron's record and give you the names and addresses of the sixty-six churches that have sent us during the season Oct. 1920 to Feb. 1921, the 1589 quarts of canned fruit and 204 glasses of jelly. Fine! We of the Home and Board thank you so much and hope you all had a note of thanks. I am sure we tried to reach you—though some barrels contained no address to which we might write. One letter addressed to the Home said, "We are sending you one barrel of fruit addressed to the Orphans Home."

God bless you for your good intentions, we hope the Orphans received it.

The Special Days continue to be a great blessing and help. Has your church or school provided for a day? Join the ranks; you are needed.

MRS. A. W. RUNYAN,
Field Secretary.

5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago.

Fortune has smiled upon our Home this winter in a remarkable way. The splendid response of the friends to our needs at Christmas time has continued though of course in smaller measure. Our store-rooms look good at present and the surplus stock is being killed and cured for summer use. We believe that the principal mission of the orphanage farm is to feed the children, therefore nothing is being sold that can be eaten. We are feeding exactly one hundred people, ranging in age from two year old Lawrence to the Superintendent of uncertain age. Fifteen hogs were killed and salted a few weeks ago and by the time this is read three more, and a cow that has proved unprofitable, will have gone into the barrel. At present prices of beef and pork it would be foolish to sell. Besides, we value too highly the spirit of satisfaction among our children and the compliment universally bestowed upon them, that "they look so well-fed."

The large increase in the number of children in the Home has brought to an acute stage the problem of play-rooms. An addition to the main building to provide for three such rooms for different ages and sexes seems imperative. Seven churches visited in the last four weeks have pledged more than \$1,000 for this purpose, and there is no doubt that when the trustees have formally worked out the plan the friends of the children will rally to this additional improvement proposition. We have come to a spirit of confidence that anything that is imperatively needed for the care of homeless children, can be secured.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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The Foreign Secretary for Bloomington Association, Mrs. L. K. Evans, has resigned because of ill health. Her successor is Mrs. R. O. Ahlenius, 609 East Washington street, Bloomington, Ill.

The Children's World Crusade is rapidly increasing in the number of organizations. It is the finest organization for children we have ever had. Word comes from Villa Grove of a new organization with twenty-five enrolled and with an avowed purpose to have fifty members.

The Aurora Association has a new W. W. G. Secretary-Director in Mrs. Egbert Carr, 176 Evans Ave., Aurora.

The new W. W. G. Secretary-Director of the Wabash Valley Association, writes: "We took ten subscriptions for 'Missions' at our first meeting, are expecting more as membership increases." Good for Miss Florence Perrine!

Furnishings, including silver, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, etc., for the Industrial Home at San Juan, Port Rico, were provided this last month by the circles of Chicago Association, through the efforts of the Associational White Cross leader, Mrs. J. J. Ross.

Again one of our much beloved associational officers has passed on, Mrs. R. H. Flannigan, Home Director for Alton Association, was a woman of strong character and tenacious in standing for what she believed to be right. Her friendship was much prized by those who knew her, and especially by the writer, who has known her many years.

Our sympathy goes out to her husband, Judge Flannigan, who is left alone.

Mrs. C. W. Gilkey, college counsellor for Chicago University, and Mrs. Mead, president of Southern Illinois Association, have each lost the mother from her earthly home. We can remember them in their sorrow and ask that their grief may be lightened.

Has your circle received and is it using the annual report? Read what the National President writes about it:

My dear Mrs. Topping:

I have received a copy of the 19th Annual Report of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Illinois and am delighted with it. It shows much thorough preparation. I want to congratulate you also on the results of the Reading Contest. I think it has been wonderfully promoted.

Thank you for sending me the report.

Very cordially,

Helen B. Montgomery.

Is your church "carrying on" in the Reading Contest and Mission Study classes? The State Chairman, Mrs. W. W. Reed sends the following: "First we hear that one of the circles in the Chicago Association has voted to take the Reading Banner away from the Belvidere South Baptist church this year. That's fine! Then, Bloomfield Association in another part of the state, announces that it is after the loving cup.

The Belvidere South church welcomes all contestants. Don't the rest of you want to work just a little harder?

Department of Religious Education

Chairman Rev. Herbert Hines, El Paso, **Director** Rev. Louis H. Koehler, Normal

Summer Assembly Faculty

The state department of religious education takes great pleasure in announcing the following persons as among those who have accepted a place on the faculty of the coming assembly.

Dr. Carl D. Case, pastor of the Oak Park church, Chicago, will be the instructor in Bible. This is most fortunate for the Baptists of Illinois. Dr. Case has been requested to present the life of Christ as based upon the gospel of Mark. All the students are expected to take this course. Those who know and have heard Dr. Case realize something of the spiritual treat that is in store for them.

Rev. Herbert W. Hines of El Paso, chairman of our state department of Religious Education, will present a course entitled "A Program of Missionary Education for the Local Church." Never in the history of our denomination have missions and missionary effort been to the front as now and it is high time that we had just such a course presented. Needless to say Mr. Hines will treat his subject in a most fundamental and thorough-going manner.

Rev. Albert H. Gage, director of Religious Education for the Baptist Executive Council of Chicago, will give a course on educational evangelism. The subject of evangelism is very important for Baptists and since Mr. Gage has been so highly successful in helping others to win children and youth to Christ he will be truly inspiring as he brings forth facts from his rich experience.

Mrs. H. E. Truex, wife of the popular pastor of the First church, Mt. Vernon, will present one of the mission study texts for the coming season. Mrs. Truex is most deeply interested in mission study and those who elect her course will be the better prepared to teach the text in their own local field when they return home.

Mr. Claude E. Tilton of Fairmount, is a graduate of the International Sunday School Association Training School, Lake Geneva. It is most fortunate for our Sunday school leaders that Mr. Tilton has consented to present the course on Sunday School Administration. Ministers and all school officers will find Mr. Tilton both practical and inspiring in his teaching work.

Rev. Martin S. Bryant, our Baptist University pastor at the University of Illinois at Champaign, will present one of the needful courses of the day, entitled, "What Shall We Believe?" Mr. Bryant's faith is so well founded and his convictions are the result of such mature and reasoned judgment that this course ought to be well attended.

Other faculty members will be introduced next month.

Concerning Reports

The Sunday School report blanks and the B. Y. P. U. report blanks will be sent out from this office during March. Let officers be prepared to make an early return of same. The Bloomington Associational B. Y. P. U. is offering a \$15.00 scholarship in the summer assembly to all standard societies in the Association.

"NICARAGUA AND HONDURAS

Nicaragua is our hardest field, but perhaps it would not be so if we cultivated it more. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the only representatives of the General Society. The Woman's Board has founded a school in the capital under the direction of Miss De Moulin, and in addition has two missionaries, one of whom is Miss E. M. Blackmore, a veteran in experience.

There are five organized churches with a total membership of 125, and five Spanish-speaking pastors. In addition there are 14 out-stations. The contributions for the year amounted to \$447.

Our work in Honduras began only last July, when our first missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Lance A. Mantle, sailed from New Orleans. They are now located in the capital, Tegucigalpa, hard at work on the language. They report many open doors and a great field for educational and medical work, as well as for the straight preaching of the Gospel. With a percentage of illiteracy reaching up to 90, and with not a single trained nurse in the republic, Honduras calls to us for Christian deeds of mercy and helpfulness, as well as for the Christian message of life."

PLACES BAN ON Y. M. C. A.

"The papal decree placing the Y. M. C. A. under the ban on the charge that it is proselyting, is a creator of indifferentism, and a corrupter of Catholic youth, indicates that the welfare work of the association abroad has been done only too well. Indeed, it was so well done and so manifestly for the good of the people, that many governments, including the Italian, made special request that the work be continued under American direction. This was true of France, Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, and other nations. Evidently the Catholics have become alarmed and try this plan of checking the good work. Of course the charge that the Y. M. C. A. is a corrupter of youth is amusing; and the history and practice of the Y. M. C. A. prove the groundlessness of the other charges. It would seem that according to this Catholic point of view, for the association to hold religious meetings in its own huts is to proselytize; but for the Catholics to celebrate mass in the K. of C. buildings, and often in the Y huts as it did in the war period, is all right. The decree will not hurt the Y. M. C. A., but will react upon an ecclesiastical hierarchy which thus openly proclaims its intolerance and autocracy—an anachronism in a democratic age."

GOD CARES—DO WE?

Forget not that your first and principal business as a disciple of Christ is to give the Gospel to those who have it not. He who is not a *missionary* Christian will be a *missing* Christian when the great day comes of bestowing the rewards of service.

Therefore, ask yourselves daily what the Lord would have you do in connection with the work of carrying the news of salvation to the perishing millions. Search carefully whether He would have you go yourself to the heathen, if you have the youth and fitness required for the work.

Or, if you cannot go in person, inquire diligently what blood mortgage there is upon your property in the interest of Foreign Missions, how much you owe to the heathen because of what you owe to Christ for redeeming you with His precious blood.

I warn you that it will go hard with you when the Lord comes to reckon with you, if He finds your wealth hoarded up in needless accumulations instead of being sacredly devoted to giving the Gospel to the lost.—A. J. Gorden.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON

Washington is the mightiest name of earth—long since mightiest in the cause of civil liberty, still mightiest in the cause of moral reformation. On that name no eulogy is expected. It can not be. To add brightness to the sun or glory to the name of Washington is alike impossible. Let none attempt it. In solemn awe pronounce the name, and in its naked deathless splendor leave it shining on.—*In an address before the Washingtonian Society on February 22, 1842.*

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A False Theory and Some of Its Consequences

(The following article was written by Rev. Manly J. Braker, D.D., deceased. Dr. Braker was a southern man, a very able preacher and writer, and for many years General Secretary of Missions in the State of Missouri with headquarters in St. Louis. Many of the things in this article will apply to southern Illinois as they applied in Missouri at the time he wrote them. These difficulties in Missouri today are worse than they were at the time Dr. Braker wrote.)

"Somewhat more than half a century ago there were three quite conspicuous Baptists in the middle southwest, J. R. Graves, J. M. Pendleton and A. C. Dayton. At least two of these had been reared under other than Baptist influences. They were men of vigor, intellect, and all of them devoted to logical forms. They wrought together, and they left a powerful influence on the denomination in the southwest. They are the authors of the doctrine of "Old Landmarkism." This is a theory of churchly authority, and may be briefly stated thus: 'All authority to spread the Gospel and administer the ordinances was left by the Lord Jesus in the (local) church.' Some of the consequences of this doctrine seem not to have been foreseen by its authors, and no one of them

was entirely consistent in practicing it; but they all proclaimed it with a great deal of force, and it has had far-reaching effects upon the Baptist denomination.

"The theory was then new to Baptists. It had been held in substance for a long time by Roman Catholics, some Episcopalians and Lutherans, and perhaps, here and there, a Baptist may have accepted it; but it has found place in no Baptist confession of faith, and until its proclamation by these men, was little known in the denomination, though they called it an 'old' doctrine, and said they were resetting 'an old landmark.' Hence the name.

"At least two considerations have helped widely to spread the doctrine. One is the desire, in a great many minds, for some mechanical form of authority. It is this which helps Romanism to spread in the world. It is so easy to refer all questions to some authority, and accept its decision. Of course, among Baptists there could be no such authority, except the authority of the local church, and, therefore, if there is to be any such authority, it must be there. This desire, more or less unconscious, for an easily-accessible court of final jurisdiction, is very widespread and

hence this doctrine has found easy acceptance in many quarters.

"Likewise, there were polemical reasons for its spread. It was a time of a great war with Methodists and Campbellites. There were constant debates as to the merits of doctrinal positions and ecclesiastical acts. The controversy was long drawn out, and, in the popular mind, victory was not always on the Baptist side. It immensely simplified matters, if the Baptist advocates could say, 'We, and we only, have the divine right to preach the Gospel and administer the ordinances. This is a matter of church authority. Ours are the only churches, and therefore ours is the only authority. The rest of you, one and all, are usurpers in the kingdom of God, rebels against the authority of Christ, whom it is a sin to encourage.' That, of course, is but a repetition of the old Roman Catholic argument; but, as the controversy was not especially with Catholics, but with Protestants, many of the Baptists did not perceive this, and the doctrine, being so easy of application, and yielding so facile results, was readily accepted. And having been accepted of course it was easy to find it in the Scriptures, as is always the case.

"Now what are some of the consequences of this doctrine? I have said that the authors of it were not always willing themselves to accept all these consequences; but they did accept some. First, they believed that it was a sin to encourage any one to preach the Gospel who had not been ordained by a Baptist church and therefore it was not only a sin to ask a pious Pedobaptist to preach in a Baptist church, but it was a sin to encourage anyone to hear such a man preach. The further declaration that it would be a sin for God to bless the labors

of such a man the authors of the doctrine were not ready to make, though they limited their estimation of such blessing. Also, one of these men, Dr. Graves, taught that it was a sin for a member of one Baptist church to partake of the Lord's supper in another Baptist church.

"And in more recent years, far more widespread consequences of this theory have occurred, and they are logical consequences. None of our organizations for the spread of the Gospel through missionary operations, through publications, through educational institutions, through Bible societies, through Sunday Schools, through Young People's societies, through Women's societies, were founded on this theory, and therefore, the consistent application of the theory sweeps them all away. Great numbers of those who hold the theory draw back from these consequences, but they are logical and unavoidable, and those brethren can draw back only by throwing their consistency to the winds.

"However, in the last decade or so, some bold spirits have arisen, who, caring but little for missionary activity and caring everything for doctrinal consistency, have avowed their desire to wreck all denominational organizations and start over again on the basis of Old Landmarkism. Already the movement has taken concrete form in the organization of state and general bodies, in antagonism to the present organizations, and non-fellowship has been declared for those who hold to the old views. So bitter has the feeling become on the part of some of these advocates of the new and false theory, that they are not willing to recognize the Christian character of other sorts of Baptists.

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THE semi-annual meeting of the Board of the State Convention will be held in El Paso, Thursday, April 14th, at three o'clock p. m. It was announced in the February Bulletin at two o'clock but on account of railroad service the session will not open until three o'clock.

The ladies of the El Paso church will serve supper at six o'clock, and the Board need lose but one hour between the afternoon and evening sessions. Some of the Departments will have a meeting in El Paso at the same time.

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ALL of our churches should have some sort of special anniversary the last week in May. The churches should be informed with regard to the work throughout the world following the Great Campaign of one year ago. Every church should inquire carefully with regard to the paying up of the pledges made one year ago. New members should be given an opportunity to subscribe on the New World Movement.

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THE past three or four months have been a season of great success on the part of our State Convention missionaries and evangelists. Almost everywhere that these men have held meetings there have been gracious revivals, in

some of them very large numbers of accessions to the churches.

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PEOPLE must now begin looking forward to the Annual meeting of our Northern Baptist Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, June 22-29. Illinois should have the largest number of delegates of any state in the territory of the Northern Convention.

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THE financial question of our churches and of our Missionary Societies is a serious one. In these times of financial and business readjustment, the people should be careful about allowing their religious obligations to lag behind. If we have to cut down along some other lines, let us not fail to keep our obligations to the Lord's work. So far the churches have been doing splendidly along this line.

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EASTER Sunday this year was quite disagreeable all over the state and in many parts of the state very rainy. Yet we have never had an Easter with apparently larger results among the Baptist churches of Illinois. It would be interesting to know how many people were buried with Christ in baptism in Illinois this year. There were many hundreds, perhaps more than one thousand.

A senior Deacon writes from Decatur the following: "I want to thank you for the editorials in the February and also in the March numbers of the Bulletin. I never read anything better from your pen nor from any other pen for that matter, and I hope you will long live to write such doctrines."

A FALSE THEORY AND SOME OF ITS CONSEQUENCES

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"Strangely enough, their own application of the theory in their organizations is somewhat illogical, for they have found it impracticable to refer everything to the action of a local church. Yet they are as determinedly destructive of the other organizations as if they had succeeded in their own. No small part of the blight which rests on the Baptist cause throughout Missouri and some other parts of the southwest, and no small part of the humiliation which comes from the inefficiency of the vast body of our churches in this portion of the land, is due to this false theory, which is advocated not only by preachers, but also by newspapers. Fortunately, here in Missouri, we have somewhat escaped the bitterness of the antagonisms aroused, because comparatively few of those who follow the theory are willing to follow it to all its logical results, but the strifes and confusions in Texas and Arkansas and Tennessee illustrate only too fully to what this doctrine tends. All of which illustrates the wisdom of the old maxim: *Obsta inceptis*. Or, as the Lord's brother puts it: 'Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth.'"—St. Louis, Mo., Journal and Messenger.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

District Superintendent Geo. H. Yule held a meeting in February with the Lexington church. His wife was with him and the people were much pleased with their work. He is at this writing assisting Rev. Chas. R. Drussell in a meeting at the Elliott Avenue Church in Springfield. He writes that on March

20th, thirty decided for Christ and 248 were present in the Bible School and the house was crowded at all services.

Rev. L. H. Koehler keeps exceedingly busy in Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work. Last week he was at Bushnell, El Paso, Bloomington and Arcola, and at this writing he is in the Chicago Association and will speak this week at Oak Park, LaGrange, Batavia and also at Minonk in the Bloomington Association.

Evangelist T. O. McMinn is at this time spending some days with the Percy church. Percy is a good field with a good membership and they need a pastor for full time. They have had some discouragements for the past few months but everything is hopeful for an aggressive work as soon as they can locate a man on that field.

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk writes the following from Tiskilwa: "I arrived from Chicago in time for the service on Saturday night. We had a good day yesterday, with three splendid services. Had a big storm last night, but the church was nearly full. We have had fifteen come forward to date. A deep spirit of earnestness prevails and we are looking for further victories this week"

We quote the following from a letter written by District Superintendent J. C. Dent. He is holding a meeting in the First Baptist Church in Rockford. He says: "We are having just as good meetings here as we had at Oglesby. Yesterday was a great day, great congregations and great results. I preached to the entire Sunday School except the Primary Department, and we had forty-five decisions for Christ; several were young men and women. A hundred or more members came forward for consecration. I preached at the Young People's meeting to the converts and

others and again at the evening service. We had more conversions in the evening. Besides the conversions during the day we had six come forward to unite by letter, and two by experience and several who want to be baptized. The pastor and members felt happy, so did I."

District Superintendent J. B. Little just lately closed a meeting with the Flora church of which Rev. J. E. Corwin is the pastor. At the last report about thirty had united with the church. Eight or ten of them heads of families.

The Erie church seem to be making good progress in their new church building which is being pushed to completion. They are planning to dedicate this building April 24th. An account of this will be written for the May Bulletin.

Rev. J. H. Pierce, pastor of the Toulon church writes the following concerning a meeting held by Evangelist Frank M. Dunk: "We have just closed a very successful meeting here in the Toulon Baptist Church with forty-eight accessions. Forty-two of these are by baptism. Brother Dunk was here for two weeks and a half and won his way into the hearts of the people in a very brief time and his services have been altogether acceptable to every one. Many here in our church and in other churches here were very much opposed to evangelists but it is all gone now and we have already asked Brother Dunk back this fall for another meeting."

Rev. G. A. Sheets, pastor of the First Baptist church in Rockford, writes the following concerning Missionary Dent's work: "I want to express my appreciation of the excellent work of District Superintendent Dent who so acceptably conducted a series of evangelistic meetings from March 13th to 27th. Brother Dent is a strong preacher, presenting the

Gospel fearlessly, yet in a winsome way."

District Superintendent George H. Yule closed his meeting at South Danville with ninety-one additions to the church. The pastor, Rev. Chas. Rork writes: "Never in the history of this church has there been such a gracious awakening. Both old and young have been united with the church. In some instances whole families united with the church. Twenty-two men have started a brotherhood for community welfare. Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society have been organized for educational and spiritual welfare."

Evangelist T. O. McMinn writes March 8th, as follows: "Our meeting with the Cambria church closed Sunday night. We had a fine meeting resulting in fifty conversions, fifty-four additions to the church and forty-two by baptism. The church was wonderfully helped in its spiritual life. Brother Blythe, the pastor, was with them one week before I came and I continued just two weeks with them."

District Superintendent D. O. Hopkins held some meetings with the Tallula church which were successful. The church was revived and reorganized and Pastor Wright of Ashland will supply them Sunday afternoons. This church has been closed up for a good many years yet there is quite an opportunity on that field for the Baptists. Within recent weeks Dr. Hopkins has been working in the Salem and Quincy Associations.

The El Paso church, of which Rev. Mr. Hines has been pastor about six years, is doing fine work. Sunday, April 3d, there were 123 present in Sunday School and a fine congregation for the preaching service.

DEATHS

Mr. James M. Taylor of Taylorville, died a few weeks ago at his home in Taylorville. He was past eighty-one years of age. Brother Taylor served his country in the war of the sixties. For many years he served as a member of the State Convention Board of Missions and was a member of the Board of Trustees of Shurtleff College for many years until the time of his death. He was an attorney and carried on a successful law office in Taylorville. In the death of Brother Taylor we have lost one of the prominent laymen of the state.

Mrs. R. H. Flannigan of East St. Louis, passed away on January 27th, after a brief illness, following an operation upon her throat. She has been a most devoted and earnest worker in the First Baptist church of East St. Louis, a great help in the Y. W. C. A. work, and in other public interests in that city.

For years she has been Home Director of the Alton Association for our Woman's Baptist Home Mission society and in the missionary cause her deepest interest, perhaps, was centered. She was ready for any service which lay in her power and her talents were freely and gladly consecrated to her Master, and in His name, to the help of those about her.

Her genial, cheery disposition, her friendly interest in others and her deep and loyal affection for her friends, endeared her to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by many friends and fellow-workers, who feel deep sympathy for her husband, Judge R. H. Flannigan, in the great loss which has befallen him.—Mrs. M. W. Twing.

CHANGE OF ALIGNMENTS

One of the old missionary churches of southern Illinois recently passed the following resolution:

"We the members of the Lone Oak Baptist church in regular session, with Rev. James B. Little acting as moderator, this, the fifth day of March, 1921, wish to go on record on the following things:

"Whereas, the Oak Ridge Free Baptist Church of this neighborhood has been dissolved and its membership scattered, we, the members of the Lone Oak Baptist Church would invite them with any other Christians in this community, who have been baptized to join with us for the upbuilding the Master's Kingdom in these parts, and to that end we wish to say that we will gladly receive them on their experience into full membership with us in this church.

"Be it further resolved, that this church asks admission into the Southern Illinois Baptist Association at its next session to be held at Marion, the 29th day of September to October 2d, 1921, which Association affiliates with the Northern Baptist Convention, and to this end will in due time appoint messengers to said meeting to present our request for membership and letter.

"Done by order of the church in session this fifth day of March, 1921.

"JAMES B. LITTLE, *Moderator*.

"M. DEACH, *Church Clerk*."

MEETING HOUSE BURNED

On Sunday morning, March 6th, the meeting house of the Old Stonington church was destroyed by fire. It has been only a few years since the Old Stonington meeting house of that place burned and a splendid new modern house was built. Perhaps less than ten

years ago. This building had \$3,000 insurance upon it, but that will not nearly cover the loss. However, the church is abundantly able to build and we hope they will rebuild at once. Rev. R. H. Crawford is pastor and has been doing splendid work on that field. The Methodists have a house that is not being used, not very far away, and the Baptists are using that building at the present time.

PERSONAL

Rev. Chas. Gilkey, pastor of the Hyde Park Baptist Church in Chicago, has been given a leave of absence of six months. He and his wife will spend this time in a trip to Europe, leaving Chicago April 5th.

Rev. Henry G. Smith, who was for several years pastor at Berwick, Ill., and recently went to the Second Baptist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, expresses himself as well pleased with his present field of labor. Brother Smith did good work in Illinois and we hope for him as equally good success in Nebraska.

Rev. Hector C. Leland of Dixon, who retired from the pastorate last June, seems to be kept quite busy. He supplied the Morrison church for fourteen weeks until they located a pastor, and he has also supplied the Clinton, Iowa, church for several months. He is now engaged to supply for an indefinite time at Savanna. Brother Leland is a strong preacher and a wise adviser of churches that need counsel and help.

A LARGE MEN'S CLASS

The Bradford Baptist Church of which Rev. Frank Metcalf is the pastor, entered the contest of Stark County for the largest attendance in the Men's Class. This church has only about forty or forty-five resident members and

yet when the contest ended on March 13th, there were one hundred and two men present in Brother Metcalf's class and not one of them was a member of any other local church. The highest competitor was the Methodist church of Toulon with about seventy present. Since the above was written a letter comes from Pastor Metcalf and he states that on Sunday, March 20th, there were one hundred fifteen present in the Men's Class and one hundred ninety in the Sunday School.

A letter one week later states that on April 3d, there were 153 men present in this class.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. W. L. Markland, who for several years was pastor of the Streator church and later of Amboy, has located as pastor of the Assumption church in the Springfield Association. The Assumption church has made a strong increase in pastoral support and is very hopeful for the work of the future.

Rev. R. H. Claxon, who has had five years of successful work with the First church of Aurora, has resigned the pastorate of that church and removed to his farm in the state of New York. He is engaged to preach one sermon a Sunday in a church near his farm. Brother Claxon had very good success in his work at Aurora and he does not think of quitting the ministry, but on account of his nervous condition he feels that he should change his work to some extent for a few years. He has a fine, well improved farm of 165 acres in New York and will live on that for a while. The Union League of Aurora gave him a very fine reception before he left the city.

Rev. A. J. Rendleman has resigned the pastorate of the Edgemont Baptist church in East St. Louis to take effect April 30th. The church has been making some arrangements with Rev. V. Colbert of Collinsville to supply that field after Brother Rendleman closes his work.

Rev. Andrew Martin of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago has accepted a call to the Morrison church.

Rev. Geo. C. Fetter who has been pastor of the church at Mt. Carroll for quite a number of years offered his resignation to take effect on March 27th. Brother Fetter has accepted a call to the church in Ottawa. He is reported to have done first-class work at Mt. Carroll and we hope he will have equally as good success in the larger field to which he goes.

Rev. J. T. Finnan, pastor at Elvaston, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Pittsfield church, county seat of Pike county. He will live in a parsonage at Pittsfield, giving one-half time to that church.

The Sterling church has called Rev. A. W. Fleischman of the Elgin Immanuel church as its pastor. Brother Fleischman has accepted the call and will begin his work May 1st.

TRAVELS OF THE EDITOR

The Editor spent a portion of the time at the Regional Conferences at Alton, Springfield and Galesburg. These Conferences were all quite well attended. About two representatives from the General Promotion Board outside the state and several state workers attended each Conference. The women were well represented. The whole question of denominational work at home and abroad

was thoroughly discussed and the people enjoyed the meetings very much and seemed to receive much benefit from them. Pastor Durden has just located at Galesburg and seems to be getting hold of the work well on the field.

The Editor also attended Kingdom Rallies at Lincoln, Pontiac and Bushnell. While these were more local rallies than the Regional Conferences and not so many outside speakers were present yet the attendance was as good and the interest seemed to be as deep. All these Conferences emphasized very strongly the New World Movement and everything pertaining to that line of work.

He attended the mid-year meeting of the Bloomfield Association at Indianola. That was a strong meeting of local workers. Only two men outside of the Association were present but the interests discussed were vital and that Association is in the front lines in the state of Illinois in doing denominational work.

The Editor spent Sunday night, March 6th, with the North Venice church, of which Rev. W. E. Rose of St. Louis is pastor. Brother Rose has done splendid work on that field for about one year. The Sunday School is doing fine work. The congregations are large and the interest is quite deep.

Monday forenoon, March 7th, was spent with a meeting of the Missionary Committee of the Alton Association in South Wood River, investigating the proposition of building a new meeting house at that place and also in consultation with regard to the progress of the work on the new church building at Wood River. We had a very satisfactory meeting.

On Tuesday, March 8th, he met with the trustees of Shurtleff College in their regular spring meeting at the St. Nicho-

las Hotel in Springfield. A three hour meeting was held and all business that was necessary to be transacted at this time was attended to. Shurtleff College is in a very hopeful condition this year.

The Superintendent spent Sunday morning, March 13th, with the Sycamore church, of which Rev. E. K. Masterson is pastor. Brother Masterson has been there about nine months and the church has made very rapid development since he went on that field. They are now supporting the pastor for full time at a reasonable salary without any assistance from the Convention.

Sunday night, March 13th, was spent with the Woodlawn church in Chicago, where Dr. M. P. Boynton has been pastor for about four years. We never saw the meeting house in so fine a condition nor the church prospering as it is now. It was a very rainy evening and yet about three hundred people were present. On good Sunday nights the main auditorium and the galleries are crowded.

Monday morning, March 14th, was spent with the Minister's Conference in Chicago. The auditorium, where this meeting was held, was crowded and the interest good.

The Editor, on Wednesday afternoon of March 16th, gave a forty-five minute address at the Negro Workers' Conference held at the Olivet Church in Chicago. By special invitation he returned for another address Friday afternoon. Friday forenoon was spent in a meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Promotion Board in Chicago.

The Editor spent Sunday morning, March 20th, with the Pekin church. He found the Pekin church, of which Rev. E. C. Poole has been pastor for three years, in the best condition we have known it to be in for twenty-three years,

perhaps it is in the best condition in forty years. The auditorium was well filled with Sunday School pupils and their morning congregation was good. They are now giving their pastor a fair support and no longer ask any help from the State Convention.

Sunday evening, March 20th, the Editor preached for the Tremont brethren. Rev. T. L. Stephens has been pastor of that church for about six months. Brother Stephens is having considerable success and is quite well encouraged with the work on that field. The work has not been prospering there for several years, but there are good indications there now that the church will succeed along substantial lines. Brother Stephens went to Tremont from the Claim St. Church of Aurora, where for several years he had very successful work.

By special invitation the Editor addressed the Men's meeting at Orion Wednesday night, March 23d. A Women's meeting was held at that place the night before and there were 115 women present. A splendid chicken-pie supper was provided for the men and about 80 were present, nearly all men, a few boys. The Orion meeting house is in first-class condition. The church is working splendidly and Pastor Shields is seeing frequent additions to the church.

On Friday forenoon, March 25th, the Editor gave a fifty minute address to the faculty and students of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. About forty students were present; about two-fifths of them women. The school seems to be very hopeful, and it seems to this writer that it has a good and useful future.

The whole day of Sunday, March 27th, was given to the Savanna church. The pastor has closed his work. The

Sunday school was fine with 123 present. There was a good congregation at both services and the people seem very anxious to locate a pastor and to push on the work. We stopped at Dixon on Monday and secured Dr. Hector C. Leiland as a regular supply for a while.

Rev. John Simpson, pastor at Dixon, reports a good Easter service in his church and small but substantial growth in the church and Sunday School work.

DEMANDS AND POSSIBILITIES OF TODAY

There are many churches in Illinois that are either standing still or in a declining condition. Many of these churches have made practically no advancement for ten or more years. The cause of this stagnation and decline is in almost every case caused by the churches trying to do things about as their fathers and grandfathers did from forty to sixty years ago. In some cases they have fallen behind their fathers. In many cases they are not keeping in good repair the property their fathers secured for them.

There never has been a time when God has so richly blessed his churches that have undertaken to do things on a proper scale as at this time. Many of our churches are just playing around the fringes of religion while the members are doing aggressive work along all other lines. Some of our churches seem to have suddenly waked up to the fact that they ought to put time and brains and energy and capital into their religious life. Some are doing twice as much, some three or four times and some six times as much as they ever did before. Where they have undertaken to do things along these lines, God is blessing them as never before. Land has doubled and

in many places quadrupled in price during the past few years. Business has enlarged. People spend large amounts of money on machinery for farming and all kinds of manufacturing. Thousands of people that did not drive a horse and buggy formerly now drive an automobile. Taxes have more than doubled from what they formerly were. People live in better homes than they formerly did. How then, can they expect church work to prosper working along the old lines?

When we come to the point where all the people will tithe their income for the Lord and the people with reasonably large capital will take as much of it as is needed in the Lord's work, and not only give capital, but time and thought, God will open the windows of heaven and pour out a great blessing. And God is just as ready to help and bless the little weak church, when it will make the effort according to the times in which we are living now, as the large and rich church. Let no one suppose that he can drift along and give almost no time to the Lord's work, and give from \$25 to \$50 to the Christian work out of an income of from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year. If a man has an income of \$5,000 per year, \$500.00 of that belongs to the Lord's work and only those who give it are happy in His service. Every church that has a considerable number of tithers is having an easy time with its finances, and every tither feels and knows that God's blessings on the nine-tenths he uses for himself makes it do him more good than the ten-tenths when he gave only a trifle for the Lord's work. Some prosperous farmers, whose grandfathers plowed corn with one horse and a single shovel plow are wondering why the church is not prospering when they are trying to do church work after the

same plan as their grandfathers.

Let us remember that we are living in the third decade of the twentieth century and not the middle of the nineteenth century.

CHURCHES

Rev. J. M. Lively of Mattoon, writes as follows on March 21st: "Our revival meetings have been in progress for a week. About twenty-five conversions; many interested, some splendid folks coming into the church. Sunday School attendance yesterday was a record breaker, 240 in the school down town, 91 in Grant Park Chapel, making a total of 331 for the day and we are just getting started. Have rented the German Evangelical church building near us for the Men's Class. Had thirty-two men yesterday."

Rev. Irving A. Fox of the Riverside church in Decatur, writes encouragingly. He says: "I have baptized twenty-six so far this month and several more are ready for Easter. I am wonderfully encouraged in the prospects of this field and I know that He is going to build up this field in a marvelous way in days to come."

Rev. Chas. W. Wolfe, pastor of the Clayton and Marseilles churches, writes as follows on March 14th: "Dr. Koehler spent a recent Sunday at Clayton. He gave us a new vision of our work and made many valuable suggestions. His address on the advantages of the small Sunday School was inspiring to our teachers."

Mr. C. E. Hughes of the Kilbourne church writes: "We had Dr. Koehler with us Friday. He surely is a treat. I wish it would be possible for us to have him for ten days, as it would be the re-making of this church."

Rev. W. F. Wagner has been pastor of the Arthur church eleven months. During that time twenty-six members were added to the church. Fifteen were added during a recent revival.

On Easter Sunday it was very rainy in Olney and kept many members of the Sunday School away, yet Dr. Lankin's men's class gave \$107.00 in their Easter offering.

The following note was written by Pastor G. W. Kimball of Lincoln, March 28th: "Just closed my meeting last night. We had seventy-five sign cards who professed conversion or reconsecration. I had Mr. Jos. W. News of Hammond, Indiana, helping with the music and I did my own preaching. I baptized twenty-seven Easter Sunday afternoon and shall have another class through the instruction for the second Sunday in April."

We take the following quotation from a long letter written by Rev. L. E. Ellison of Villa Grove: "The spirit of the Lord is moving mightily in the hearts of our people here. We have the great joy of seeing souls saved in practically every service. More than a score of persons have been added to the church within the past three or four weeks. Our men's brotherhood class is developing into a great evangelistic organization and the presence of men in the congregations is an inspiring sight. Our serious problem now is room to house our ever-growing Sunday School."

Evangelist R. S. Stein and wife assisted Pastor Edwards of Mahomet for a few days in a meeting. Brother Edwards did the preaching and seven were received for baptism.

Rev. L. M. Westrate, pastor of the Macomb church, began a series of meetings on the 20th of March. The

church seemed to be in a good condition for this work and even before the special meetings began there were conversions and accessions to the church.

Mr. Geo. M. Bennett recently celebrated his thirty-second year as choir director of the First Baptist church of Urbana. In the thirty-two years he has conducted the music of 260 other services, has held 1522 rehearsals, and has conducted the music of 260 other services. This is a long and most excellent service for one man to render in his church. In token of its appreciation of the service rendered by Mr. Bennett the church presented him with a beautiful rocker. The Urbana church has had but two choir directors within the past 57 years. Mr. N. A. Riley, the former director, made the presentation speech to Mr. Bennett. Forty years ago Mr. Riley selected Geo. Bennett as a member of his choir and on retiring from this service commended Mr. Bennett to the position which he has held to the great delight and edification of the church from that day to this. Who can beat it?—C. C. Long.

Rev. W. A. Pittman, pastor of the Second Baptist church in Johnston City, writes on March 7th as follows: "We began a meeting at the Second Baptist church the 20th of February. Up to this day we have had twenty-eight to take a stand for Christ and the church. Twenty of them have come into the Second Baptist church of which we are pastor. We have deep conviction among the people. The church is working fine and we have a fine Sunday School, three hundred enrolled, and the B. Y. P. U. in good running order.

The Baptist Old People's Home

Maywood, Illinois
Mrs. A. W. Runyan, Sec'y.
5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago

Tuesday, March 26th, a reception was given at the Home to say good-bye to our beloved Superintendent, Mrs. J. F. Crippen, who has been with us for nearly seven years, and to introduce Mrs. Lilian Hyett, the new Superintendent, who comes highly recommended to the Home April 1st. Mrs. Crippen resigned two months ago because of a much needed rest. She is highly esteemed by all for her devotion to the best interests of the Home and its members. Her self-sacrificing and sweet Christian spirit has so endeared her to the members of the Home that it is a real heart-break for them to have her go.

Mrs. J. G. Hale, President of the Board of Managers, in a few well chosen words, presented Mrs. Crippen with a purse containing five \$20 gold pieces as a slight token of their appreciation of her services and their good wishes. She also introduced Mrs. Hyett. The retiring and incoming Superintendents both responded in words showing their interest and devotion to the Home; Deacon Halsey, in behalf of the members of the Home, read a poem he had written for the occasion expressing their love and good wishes for Mrs. Crippen and pledging loyalty to the incoming Superintendent.

The Committee on Supplies thanks the churches at Delavan, Cornell, and Elvaston, Ill., for eggs sent for Easter. Now that they are more plentiful perhaps others will send also. They are better than meat at the Home. Some good cider vinegar would also be greatly appreciated at the Home—

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

Owing to pressure of work we overlooked our news article last month until too late. We are conscious that we are the losers thereby and now we are determined not to be sidetracked any more. Our friends keep in touch with our Home through the Bulletin and when we miss we hear of it.

In the February Bulletin, we hinted that eggs were a scarce article with us at the Home—and expressed a wish that the hens call off the strike. We wish to announce that the strike is off and donations of eggs have reached us and the boys and girls have passed the stage of “yum yum” and have reached the gateway of “Oh me!”

It is with great pleasure we acknowledge donations of eggs from the following places, Aledo, Cordova, Cornell, Delavan, Elvaston, Hutsonville, Manlius, and Roseville. By this time our friends will be thinking we are overstocked but “abide a wee.” Remember that it takes eight to ten dozen a meal to serve our family once, and we began to eat them just as soon as the first lot arrived and Easter Sunday we had them boiled for breakfast and fried for dinner and egg sandwiches for supper. Such donations mean much to the Home and yet the parties giving the eggs will not miss them. All that is needed in each section is that some one take it upon himself to collect eggs.

We have a full house of boys and girls and everybody well. Our recent improvements are completed and paid for at a cost of fourteen hundred dollars.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Rev. N. T. Hafer, Supt.
Mrs. N. T. Hafer, Matron

Our family continues to grow, now numbering 105 people, big and little. We are beginning to wonder where we will place all of them if the number goes much higher. The Executive Committee of the Board has tentatively approved the plan for an addition for play-rooms, the full plan to be worked out at the meeting of the Board. In future years when we get our new gymnasium building this addition will doubtless be used for dormitories.

The end of our fiscal year is approaching. Many churches have not supported the Home by an offering during the last twelve months, though we appreciate the generous increase by those who have. Remember that the appropriation from the missionary budget takes care of only about one-third of our current expense and gives nothing for improvements. We are again changing overseers as the good brother who succeeded Mr. Olson is compelled to leave on account of his wife's nervous condition. We are not as averse to a widower or bachelor as we once were.

We also will need a new school teacher next autumn as Mrs. Olson leaves at the close of the school year. Will some experienced school teacher who wants a position with missionary opportunity please write us. She should be of good training as this is a public school under county supervision though only the Home children attend. Above all she should be of large human sympathies and infinite patience as many of these children have had a poor start in life.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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GIVE ATTENTION

Annual meeting of Central District of the W. A. B. F. M. society and the W. A. B. H. M. society (co-operating) on May 18-20 at Immanuel Baptist church, Chicago. Room and breakfast provided free to delegates appointed by Woman's societies or W. W. G. Chapters. Send names by May 7th to Chairman Woman's Committee, Mrs. L. A. Vinnedge, 5508 Hyde Park Ave., Chicago, or Chairman W. W. G. Committee, Miss Florence Kennedy, 4738 Indiana Ave., Chicago.

The W. W. G. Rally is to follow Central District meetings, beginning with the W. W. G. banquet on Friday night. Conferences on Saturday, Pageant on Saturday evening and Consecration service on Sunday. Miss Alma Noble will be present, also Mrs. Montgomery. The speakers from foreign fields will stay over. Every Guild in Illinois should be represented. The Central District Secretary, Mrs. Florence Copelin is expecting a large representation. Come, that she may not be disappointed.

Illinois now has a State Secretary-Director and a State Secretary of Literature. The two women who hold these new official positions have labored long and faithfully as State Foreign Secretary and State Home Director. In these days of new plans we are pleased to announce that our new State Secretary-Director is Mrs. L. A. Vinnedge. Our new State Secretary of Literature is Mrs. J. D. Louderback. No two women know our state better than they—no two

will give more earnest attention to every detail of the work. As the days go by and we are able to rearrange our Associational force, we believe that in every way greater efficiency will be obtained. Remembering the many duties of the past days and the splendid co-operation of these women in every undertaking, we greet our new officers and bespeak for them the loving allegiance of Illinois women and feel assured there are greater accomplishments in the future.

Miss Marchie Hines of Elgin, returns this month to her work at Kodiak Orphanage, Wood Island, Alaska. Her furlough at home has meant a great interest aroused in the mission work of the island, and she carries back with her not only many hearty wishes for her safe journey, but the W. W. G. girls of Elgin are sending a beautiful Victrola with many records, and Morgan Park ladies are sending money for new chairs in the girls' dormitory.

Word comes from Champaign that they are planning to raise their Standard of Excellence this year and have decided to do White Cross work, they have also organized an Extension Department.

Griggsville Circle in Quincy Association, observed membership week and increased its membership one-third. Has any circle done better?

The Marengo Circle is planning for a Golden Jubilee in June. Mrs. F. W. Patrick, a charter member of the circle, has been president of the Rock River Association for many years.

Department of Religious Education

Chairman Rev. Herbert Hines, El Paso, Director Rev. Louis H. Koehler, Normal

Assembly Faculty

Besides the list introduced last month we present the following: Dr. H. E. Tralle, editor training publications of the Publication Society, writer and author of Sunday school literature, will handle the courses in pedagogy and young people in training for leadership. We are exceedingly fortunate in securing Dr. Tralle and sincerely hope that many ministers will avail themselves of this rare opportunity to meet Dr. Tralle and sit under his instruction. Pastors, we invite you.

Miss Myrtie Huckleberry, director of children's work of the department of religious education of the Indiana Baptist State Convention will present the courses in children's work and in elementary psychology. We ought to have at least sixty workers in the children's grades to take these courses with Miss Huckleberry. Let ministers and superintendents urge such to attend.

Miss Elsie L. Oberg, assistant to the pastor at Kewanee, and in charge of the young people's work in that progressive church, will handle the course entitled youth's division under Sunday school methods. This is Miss Oberg's specialty and all who work with youth should plan to attend and take this course.

Mr. Harold J. Howard of Mt. Vernon, the popular president of the B. Y. P. U. of Illinois, will present the course on the organization of young people's societies. The whole question of the organization of a local society will be

handled in a masterly way by Mr. Howard.

Annual Reports

The B. Y. P. U. report blanks have been mailed. Please return same without delay after you have filled in the blanks. Let us make a fair showing for our state. The school report blanks will be mailed shortly. Will superintendents who receive same reply as quickly as possible?

Post Card Questionnaire

A survey was recently made by means of post cards. Ministers are asked to report as to young people's societies, etc., and school superintendents were asked to report as to training classes. Many have done so and we thank you. But some ministers and especially superintendents have failed to send in the card duly filled out. Please give us the facts asked for without delay. It will cost you nothing but your time, and the facts you glean for yourself will be worth the effort. Thank you.

Intensive Training School

The Publication Society, in co-operation with the department of religious education, will put on an intensive training school for church vacation school workers at Shurtleff College, Alton, April 18-22. The purpose of this school is to give training to those ministers and workers who desire to conduct a vacation school in their church this summer. It is also proposed to assist ministers and others to get a vision of week-day religious education. Dr. Thomas S.

Young of Philadelphia, assisted by Rev. F. H. Fahringer of Chicago, will be the experts in charge. President Potter is deeply interested in this intensive school and the ministers of the city will give it their support. Further information will gladly be given by the state director.

PAY YOUR MONEY NOW

(By A. E. Peterson.)

The one great need now is money! All our societies have based their scale of operations upon reasonable expectations that subscriptions to the New World Movement shall be paid and paid promptly. They have trusted to the integrity of Baptists and Baptists dare not break faith with them and with the missionaries and workers back of them, whose labors depend upon the support thus promised.

Anniversary Week is the great week for cash. *It is the week when all subscriptions should be paid to date.* It must represent such an ingathering of money that all our denominational agencies shall be able to meet present requirements and stop the payment of interest.

This is the time when churches that did not make a regular canvass last year should make cash subscriptions after the same standard as other churches are making. Churches owe each other mutual co-operation and united effort. Common justice demands that all shall make an equally honest effort and shall make gifts in accordance with their ability. Can any Baptist church stand aside in these days of world need; remain unresponsive in the presence of cries more urgent than any ever heard by this generation? Can any self-respecting Baptist church content itself with the mere mediocre in the presence of the heroic

achievements of neighboring brotherhoods? Can any Baptist pastor or any Baptist church officer, remain complacent and self-satisfied, working and giving under past standards, when the whole Christian church has moved far forward in these lines? Only dead souls can do that. *The living move forward!*

The financial depression must not deter us either. A church leader recently declared that last year the people of the United States spent \$22 for amusements for every dollar given for education. Unquestionably Baptists, even as others, find money to squander, and they can find money for the Kingdom even now if they will only seek the real meaning of the Master's searching words when he said "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, etc."

Baptists of Illinois, let the world's appeal and your Lord's appeal result in a mighty outpouring of money on Anniversary Week, April 24-May 1.

TO SPEND \$15,000,000

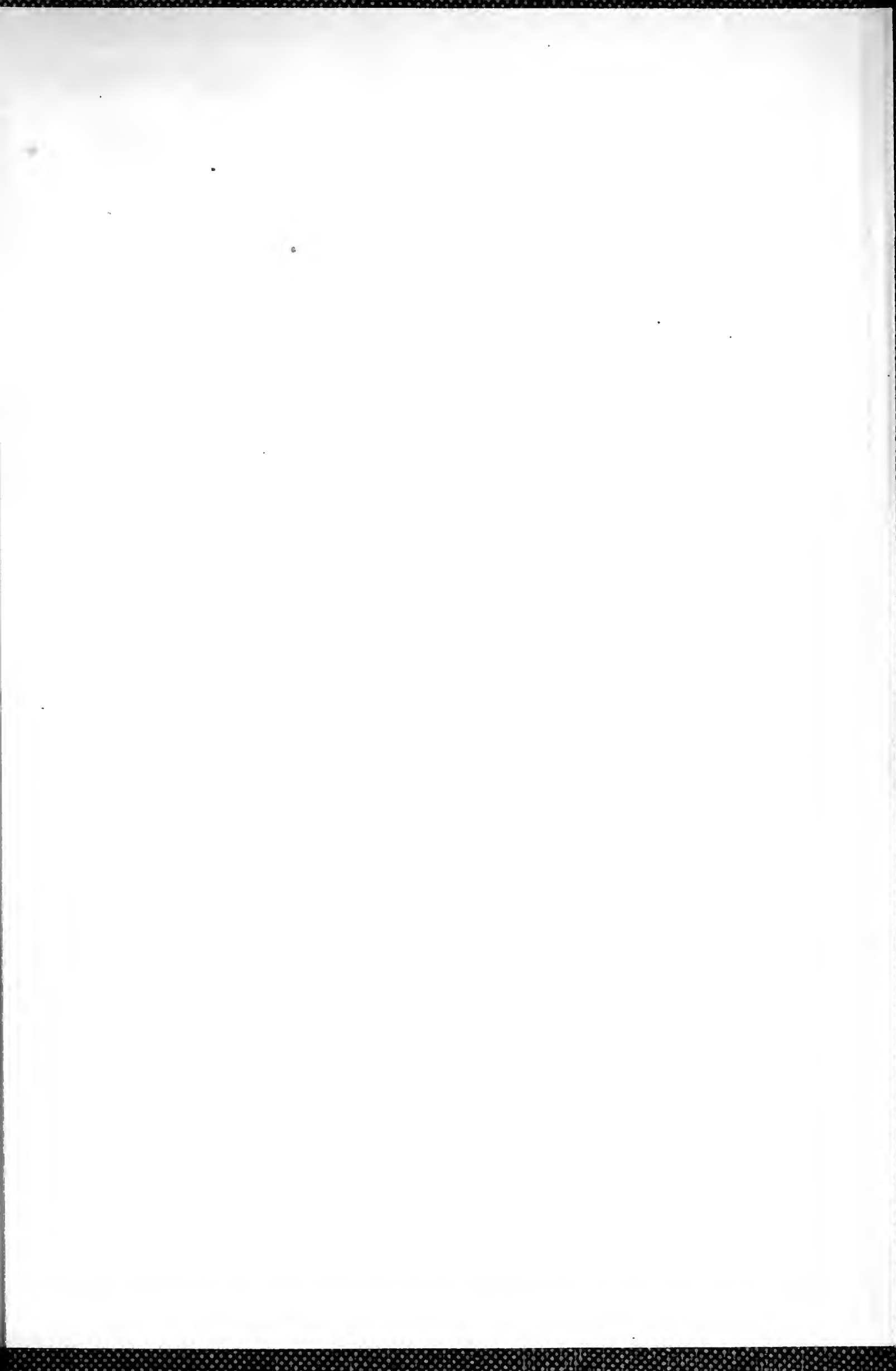
ON BUILDING PROGRAM

Chicago, March 30.—The University of Chicago plans an expenditure of \$15,000,000 in the next five years for new buildings and institutes for scientific research, President Harry Pratt Judson informed the alumni in a booklet sent out today. Ultimately, he said, university buildings will extend for three-quarters of a mile on both sides of the midway.

The proposed buildings will include Rockefeller chapel, to cost \$1,500,000 and seat 2,000 persons. The money for the chapel will be taken from a \$10,000,000 gift made by John D. Rockefeller several years ago.

Other buildings planned are the Albert Merritt Billings hospital, for which the Billings family has provided \$1,000,000; a new quadrangle club to cost \$200,000; the Max Epstein dispensary, for which Mr. and Mrs. Epstein have contributed \$100,000; a theology building and divinity chapel.

Alumni have been asked to contribute \$10,000,000 to the extension program, \$2,000,000 of which will be given for professors' salaries.



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